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Famed Sprinter, General Killed

WASHINGTON (AP)—Maj. Gen. William P. Upshur, commanding general of U.S. marines, department of the Pacific, Capt. Charles Paddock, former Olympic track star, and four other persons were killed in an airplane crash near Sitka, Alaska, the navy announced this afternoon.

Japs Slacking

OTTAWA (CP)—Resources Minister Crerar told in the House of Commons this afternoon he does not think Japanese employed on road-building projects in British Columbia are giving as much work as might be expected from them.

Bombing of Rome May Be Repeated

LONDON (CP)—The bombing of military targets in Rome will be repeated if and when military necessity dictates and regardless of world reaction, it was emphasized here today by a well qualified source.

1-Armed Ace Missing

LONDON (CP)—Squadron Leader J. A. F. MacLachlan, D.S.O., D.F.C. and bar, famous one-armed R.A.F. pilot, is missing, it was disclosed today.

40 Canadians Die In Japanese Camps

OTTAWA (CP)—A casualty list containing the names of almost 40 Canadian prisoners of war who have died in Japanese hands will be issued tonight, a spokesman for the defence department said this afternoon.

Officials here said the records of the deaths showed many of them due to food deficiency. It was stressed that the diet of a Japanese soldier generally was insufficient for an Occidental.

Betting Bill Hit

OTTAWA (CP)—The Senate banking and commerce committee today voted against an amendment of the Criminal Code making illegal the publication of information "likely" to assist in betting, except by "a bona fide newspaper."

North Defences Of Orel Reduced

LONDON (AP)—The Russians captured Belkhor today, thus finishing the "liquidation" of the strongly fortified districts of the north of Orel, and have advanced four to five miles in a continuing offensive, a special Moscow communique recorded by the Soviet monitor here said tonight.

In 10 days the Germans have lost more than 50,000 killed, the bulletin said. More than 6,000 prisoners were taken. In the same period the Russians destroyed or disabled 776 tanks and more than 900 planes and 882 guns.

In addition, the Red army has captured 372 tanks, 720 guns, 800 mortars, 1,400 machineguns and other booty.

P.O. H. L. Draper, Saanich, Killed

A native son of Royal Oak, P.O. Herbert Lorimer Draper, R.C. N.V.R., has died of injuries overseas, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Draper, McKenzie Avenue.

On convoy escort duty out of Great Britain, P.O. Draper was heard from recently in the Mediterranean. Wednesday his parents received a message that he had been seriously injured and today came word that he had died.

A younger brother, Leslie, is serving with the 1st Division, which has been reported in the attack of the Sicily beach.

Battle Big Bush Fire

Saanich firemen battled frantically to bring under control this afternoon a large bush fire, which broke out at 12:30 at Prospect Lake, off Goward Road. Three alarms were turned in. The fire is still out of control.

40,000 Prisoners; 8th Army Advances Italian Division Surrenders En Masse

Russians Launch Strong Attack Near Leningrad

LONDON (CP)—The German radio today said the Russians had launched a strong attack near Leningrad and heavy fighting had been raging since dawn. The broadcast was recorded by the Associated Press.

SMASHED BACK

MOSCOW (AP)—German reinforcements, rushed into the Orel breaches by forced marches, counterattacked viciously in desperate efforts to halt the Russian onslaught Wednesday but were smashed back as the Soviet offensive rolled on to within nine miles of the German stronghold, the Russians announced officially today.

In a battle of increasing violence which raged 200 miles south of Moscow, the Russians said they beat through masses of enemy tanks and infantry for gains of four to nine miles and overran 90 villages.

(The London radio said Hitler had ordered Orel, hinge of the entire Nazi south-central defence line, held "at all costs.")

In Wednesday's severe battles the Russians said they knocked out more than 77 tanks and 131 Nazi planes in the Orel sector alone, and announced that the day's fighting, which raged as far south as the Donets River basin, had taken a toll of 5,800 Germans.

Wednesday's Nazi losses brought the totals as announced by the Russians since July 5 to 3,393 tanks and 2,342 planes destroyed and more than 75,000 Germans slain.

(The Berlin radio, explaining the Nazi retreats as part of the high command's plan "to force the enemy to the greatest use and abuse of his forces" in battles of attrition "where the goal is not to gain ground," said 45,172 Russians had been taken prisoner and 4,827 tanks and 2,344 planes had been destroyed or captured since July 5.)

Elmer Davis Talks Things Over in London

LONDON (CP)—Elmer Davis, director of the U.S. Office of War Information, who arrived today to visit the O.W.I.'s branch office here, hinted that the propaganda line for the next stage of the Allied offensive already was well in mind, but declined to give details.

He mentioned the Churchill-Roosevelt declaration to the Italians to surrender honorably or suffer the consequences as "an example of what is being done" toward a joint British-U.S. propaganda program.

The O.W.I. director said he intended to confer with Brendan Bracken, British Minister of Information, and other British as well as American officials. He said he might go on to Africa before returning to the U.S.

Commenting on British press reports that his London visit was for the purpose of working out a joint British-American propaganda program to pave the way for the impending invasion of Europe, Davis said:

"There's nothing to it. We already have been working closely on all phases of propaganda."

McNaughton in Britain

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND (CP)—Lt. Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, commander of the Canadian army overseas, has returned to his headquarters in Britain after a flying visit to the Mediterranean theatre, including Sicily, where he saw the activities of the 1st Division assault troops at first hand.

Diplomatic Reply

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Lord Halifax, British Ambassador, was asked at a conference of C.I.O. leaders:

"If you were an American citizen, would you vote for President Roosevelt for a fourth term?" The quick reply: "You make me an American citizen and I'll tell you."

Bus, Tram Strike For Wage Boost In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Cars and buses of the Los Angeles Railway Company, which carry 1,000,000 persons to and from work daily, ceased operating at 3 a.m. today because of an operators' work stoppage.

Thousands of workers stood on street corners awaiting transportation. Aircraft plants sent out trucks and trailers equipped with makeshift seats and rounded up their workers. Radio appeals urged motorists to fill their cars with war workers.

Those who depend on the Los Angeles company for transportation will be inconvenienced only for 24 hours said D. D. McClurg, local president of the Union of Drivers and Motormen (A.F.L.). The 3,000 workers voted the 24-hour stoppage in protest against a War Labor Board's refusal to approve a 10-cent-an-hour increase. Their present scale ranges from 80 to 90 cents.

The army has not taken over, although Maj. M. J. Tierney, executive officer of the labor branch of the 9th Service command, told a meeting Wednesday, after efforts to avert the stoppage had failed, that he would seek to have the army take over operations.

MOTORISTS HELP

However, a million Angelenos got to work.

Thousands of motorists, fortified with new gasoline ration A coupons that became good today, backed their cars from garages and filled them with job-bound war plant workers.

War plants sent out trucks and trailers equipped with makeshift seats. Chartered buses hauled workers to some airplane plants as usual. Pacific Electric Railway interurban cars and bus lines other than the Los Angeles Motor Coach Co., affiliated with the strike-bound streetcar system, operated as usual.

British M.P.'s Vote 'B.N.A. Act 1943'

LONDON (CP)—The House of Commons today passed through all stages the bill to amend the British North America Act so as to permit the post-employment until after the war of redistribution of Canada's House of Commons seats.

The bill came to the Commons from the House of Lords and now goes to the King for royal assent.

It passed the Commons after M. P. Price, Labor, said the fact the sovereign power in one of the Dominions had to bring this matter before the House in London was an anomaly which he hoped would be removed at the earliest opportunity.

Completion of Commons action in one day carried out Foreign Secretary Eden's expressed wish. Mr. Eden said Wednesday the Canadian government regarded the matter as urgent and for that reason he hoped it could be disposed of in one sitting.

Salmon Pack Down To Half Last Year's

B.C.'s salmon pack in this year up to July 17 totalled 68,444 cases compared with 139,639 cases in corresponding period last year, according to today's weekly report of the chief supervisor of fisheries. Pack for the corresponding week in 1941 was 191,630 cases.

This year up to July 17 total packs were No. 1 district, 25,518; Naas and Skeena rivers, 26,437; other areas, 13,832; District No. 3, 2,657.

Air Target Falls On Willows Beach

Mrs. Alan Pendray, 2470 Beach Drive, was today watching a high flying plane towing something which broke away. It fell on Willows Beach. When Mrs. Pendray saw the plane, she rushed out and brought it home. She found it was a target at least 30 feet long and built of canvas, orange color with black stripes. She learned that air people call it a drogue.

"We don't know what to do with it, it is such a big thing to have around the yard," Mrs. Pendray said.



FIRST PHOTO OF AXIS DEAD IN SICILY—Axis dead lie where they fell when Allied troops swept along this Sicilian road in a successful drive against fortifications in the vital Butera Pass. (Signal Corps Radiophoto).

Allied Successes Swing Spain Away From Axis; Franco Reported Feathering Nest for Exile

By THOMAS M. JOHNSON
Noted Military Writer

There is a good but obscure reason why British, American and Canadian troops can invade Sicily without being struck from behind by a lurking enemy. Potentially, that enemy was Axis-minded Spain. But lately that country has become a lot less Axis-minded and now is no potential enemy at all. Recent reports, some of them sensational, indicate that our African victory may even take Spain out of the Axis and Franco out of Spain.

And that is a big help to Gen. Eisenhower's delicate amphibious operations against Sicily now and other points later. For the moment he divided his forces, entrusting some to long, over-water supply lines, he invited attack on our supply bases in north Africa from Spanish Morocco. There Franco has a strong force (some say 300,000) of the best Spanish troops.

RECOGNIZED DANGER

This danger so impressed Allied military leaders last November that they were convinced that they must forego it by landing at Casablanca instead of at Tunis and Bizerte. Perhaps this delayed the clearing of Tunisia, but the immediate stationing of Allied troops along the Spanish-Moroccan border was for Franco the first ray of a great light.

Formerly he had listened to his Falangist counsellors advising entry into the war. But the appearance of United Nations' forces on his own doorstep gave him plenty to think about. Then inexperienced American troops had their first setbacks in Tunisia and the Spanish radio said one German could beat four Americans. But Americans learned and the Germans collapsed. Then the Allies began bombing Italy, and Franco's map showed that we could do as much for Spain itself.

He who had said the Axis would win the war now said nobody could win it—which was dismissed as Axis peace propaganda.

DOES ABOUT FACE

But now Franco has followed with action. His radio has changed its tune, his newspapers stopped attacking the United Nations and began publishing their communiques and propaganda. Falangist espionage and propaganda in this country have moderated. A notorious Spanish spy-ship comes no longer. Talk languages of a Spanish "cultural empire" including Cuba, Panama, Puerto Rico and the Philippines.

Franco's enlightenment has been aided by his diplomats. From Washington, Ambassador Cardenas has reiterated that the Allies have just begun to fight. Franco also has heard this from a special envoy who is a military expert with democratic sympathies. His being sent to United States is significant.

OPPOSITION GROWS

And anyway, Franco is performing more of a slack-jawed performer than many realize. The Falange party has competition in several other Spanish groups, mainly monarchist, and there still are millions of republicans and leftists in Spain. The threat of aiding them, partly through exiles, has been held over Franco's head by Britain. His ambassador in London, the Duke of Alba,



They're not so chummy now. Nor so cheerful, either. In 1940, when this picture was made, Hitler and Francisco Franco wore smiles of friendship and confidence. If they met today it would be for mutual consolation—for obvious reasons in Hitler's case, and because the Spanish dictator is reported to be on his way out.

has warned him of this. And even Foreign Minister Gomez Jordana, who succeeded Falangist Serrano Suner, has fought against the Falange and for genuine Spanish neutrality. He is said to have won.

But now come reports of even more striking developments. The Falange is said to be losing ground as rapidly as the United Nations gain it. The two horses it backed—Hitler and Mussolini—now seem to be coming in last, and Spaniards hate a loser. Also they fear retribution. The parties coming to the fore favor snuggling up to the winners by restoring the monarchy—a Liberal constitutional monarchy. Their representatives have been in touch with the 30-year-old Don Juan, third son of Alfonso XIII, whose widowed Queen Victoria lives in England. There Don Juan was educated, there the Duke of Alba is said to be preparing for a peaceful restoration, once the United Nations seem about to win the war.

MAY GO INTO EXILE

How peaceful such restoration might be depends upon Franco. Some reports say the present dictator opposes restoration. Other reports say he favors it, believing it the only way to stave off revolution against him if the Axis loses the war.

Most interesting of all are reports from several sources that, win or lose, Franco is through; that he knows it, and that he already has deposited in Argentina large funds to support him there in exile.

Fail to Capture Tito

NEW YORK (AP)—The Berlin radio announced today that the German military commander in Yugoslavia had offered a reward of 100,000 marks for information leading to the capture—dead or alive—of Josip Broz, Montenegrin guerrilla leader popularly known as "Tito."

British Cruisers Bombard Ports On Italian Mainland

By DANIEL DE LUCE

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA (AP)—Fierce fighting continues between the British 8th Army and reinforced German troops near Catania. Allied headquarters announced today, while on the western end of the front the U.S. 7th Army has captured Castelvetro and Sciacca on Sicily's south coast.

In the centre, the communique said, "Canadian troops continue their advance in the face of determined resistance."

Ramacca, 22 miles southwest of Catania, fell to the British 8th Army.

With collapse of resistance in the western section of the island, the U.S. troops captured these other places in their sweep: San Stefano Quisquina, about 30 miles south of Palermo on the north coast and 40 miles west of Enna.

San Caterina, seven miles northwest of Caltanissetta and 28 miles south of the north coast. Menfi, midway between Castelvetro and Sciacca.

Caltanissetta, the Sciacca air-drome. The air-drome at Castelvetro. The American columns now are approaching Palermo, the capital of Sicily, with a last mountain range guarding that vital seaport.

Castelvetro is 50 miles west of Agrigento and Porto Empedocle, towns on the south coast captured last Saturday and Sunday. Sciacca is about 30 miles west of these two places.

Axis Prisoners Exceed 40,000

The Americans were making swift progress in a drive toward Palermo on the north coast, herding panicky Italians and their German allies into the northeast corner of the island, and the Italian 20th, Assietta division, was said to be surrendering almost en masse as Axis prisoners mounted to more than 40,000.

In the continuing fighting along the east coast between the Simento River and Catania, Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery's 8th Army made some gains despite heavy demolitions by the enemy and thick minefields.

The Germans were reinforced by fresh reserves, including a parachute infantry battalion. The communique said "heavy casualties are being inflicted on the enemy" by the 8th Army.

(A Reuters news agency correspondent with the British fleet in the Mediterranean reported that British warships, again boldly steaming up to the Italian mainland, subjected Crotone on the Gulf of Taranto, in the inlets of the "boot," to a heavy five-minute bombardment Wednesday morning. It was the second attack by British surface ships on the Italian mainland of the war.)

Allied air forces again smashed at the Crotone airfield and Naples

railway facilities, covering their targets with bomb bursts.

Heavy bombers attacked the Grosseto airfield, 90 miles north of Rome, while fighters, fighter-bombers and intruders continued to sweep the island's railroads, highways and sea approaches by day and night.

Four enemy planes were destroyed during the operations, compared with the loss of two Allied aircraft.

Nazi Tank Division

Running From Enna

The German 15th Armored Division was reported in retreat toward the northeastern part of the island from the Enna area. The Canadians drove on in the face of determined resistance, but the American sweep was said by the communique to be meeting only light and ineffective opposition.

Reports at headquarters continued to confirm that German officers were shooting Italians who attempted to march toward the American lines under white flags, and that in some instances the Italians had shot their German officers.

Booty captured in the American advance at Caltanissetta was officially stated to include 14 locomotives and 100 freight cars, in good condition.

(An NBC broadcast from Algiers said the Americans were believed to be bringing up long-range artillery to pound Palermo, and Marsala on Sicily's west coast, so rapid was their advance.)

The Canadians and U.S. troops were said to be chasing the enemy northward in the general direction of the escape port of Messina, an advance which, if continued, would quickly put them in position to strike at Catania from the rear.

(Ross Munro, Canadian Press war correspondent with the Canadian troops, said in an eyewitness story Maj. Gen. Guy Simonds' forces helped take the city of Enna after an all-day action that saw a blistering artillery barrage smash the heavy enemy concentrations. This, he reported, was followed by an infantry assault at the bayonet point.)

Enemy Withdraws From Large Area

Observers in the battle zone reported a general Axis withdrawal in progress from the whole central and western region. Italian prisoners were quoted as saying the Germans already had fled to the east coast, taking all transport and leaving the Italians to walk.

(The Algiers radio said this morning the Axis forces already had evacuated Palermo, on the north coast, and Trapani and Marsala, on the western tip. This broadcast also reported a Canadian-American spearhead striking northwestward from Enna toward Villarsa, nine miles away.)



CLOSER TO ROME—Map shows distances traveled by Allied airmen in the bombing of Rome, battle line and direction in Sicily, port of Crotone, bombed by British warships, blasted by bombers.

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All Canadians Safe After Heavy Raid On Italian 'Instep'

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA (AP)—Canadian airmen of the night-flying Wellingtons who plastered targets in and around the Crotona airdrome Wednesday and then finished up with more bombs on the railroads and marshaling yards in nearby Naples, said they found enemy anti-aircraft fire much reduced although some searchlights caught a number of aircraft.

(Crotona is on the Gulf of Taranto, the "Instep" of Italy's boot.)

Sgt. James Easson of Toronto was one of those whose plane was thus spotted but emerged undamaged. "We flew right through the lighted area and unloaded our bombs on the target," he said.

Sqn. Ldr. Joe McCarthy of Toronto described the raid as "a piece of cake."

FO. Ralph Long of Carleton Place, Ont., saw a two-ton blockbuster splash in the very centre of his target. "What an explosion," he exclaimed.

All the Canadian planes returned safely.

RECALLS LIBYA

The Italian debacle in central and western Sicily appeared to be on a scale comparable to Marshal Rodolfo Graziani's defeat at the hands of Field Marshal Wavell's British army in the Libyan desert in 1941.

Every spark of fighting spirit appeared to have been stamped out in the ranks of an apathetic and disintegrating Italian army. New batches of prisoners complained that their officers were deserting them, wearing civilian clothing in an effort to escape.

Castelvetro, a city of 25,000 and one of Sicily's three biggest air bases, was captured in a pre-dawn infantry assault. An American armored column of medium and light tanks and half-tracks exploited the gain, said an Associated Press dispatch from the newly-won city.

The city fell so speedily that the defenders had time to destroy only a few of the military installations.

It was disclosed that the often resuscitated 10th Bersaglieri Regiment for the third time had been put out of action. It surrendered at Agrigento without firing a shot.

Four species of malaria organisms which cause human diseases constitute perhaps the most important animal parasites infecting humans; they all belong to the genus Plasmodium.

Former Circulation Manager Takes Italian General and Staff

By TIM LITTLE

OTTAWA — Maj. Richard S. (Dick) Malone of Toronto, Winnipeg and Regina, reported in Canadian Press dispatches as the officer who effected the capture of the Italian General Davet, was formerly Assistant Director of Public Relations, Army, at National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa.

A Ross Munro story revealed that when the Canadians were about to attack the town of Modica, the Italian general asked for terms. He was told they were unconditional surrender. He accepted and Maj. Malone, serving as a staff officer with the Canadian First Division, went into Modica to arrange the capitulation. Maj. Malone and a party of Canadians returned to Canadian headquarters with the Italian general and his staff. The Canadian commander received the Italian general and was given certain details about the defeated 206th Italian Division which was supposed to defend the coast against the Canadians.

Munro says that the Italian General Davet asked if he could retain his revolver as a gesture of military honor. Permission was granted—but the general's ammunition was taken away from him first.

AT N.D.H.Q., OTTAWA

Maj. Malone's capture of this officer marked the first occasion on which an Italian of that rank surrendered in the Sicily campaign. Malone came to Ottawa in 1940 for special duty in the office of the Hon. J. L. Ralston, Minister of National Defence, and accompanied Mr. Ralston on the minister's first visit to Canadian troops overseas.

On his return Maj. Malone served in the Directorate of Staff Duties. He was the officer who organized the extensive journey through Canadian factories and military centres late in 1940 of a score or more of top-flight American newspaper and magazine editors, taking them from Hamilton, Ont., to Halifax via Ottawa and Montreal.

In 1941 he was detailed as As-

'Piteous Lot' of Romans Cited In Appeal By Pope

LONDON (CP)—The Vatican radio broadcast Wednesday the text of a letter from Pope Pius XII to his Vicar-General for the District of Rome deploring Monday's bombing of the Italian capital. The text follows in part:

My Dear Lord Cardinal — To you who have such an intimate share in our government and pastoral care of the Diocese of Rome, centre and head of the Catholic world and of Christian thought and belief, we wish to address ourselves at the moment when our soul is touched with unusual affliction.

You know well how the sad spectacle of ever greater slaughter and ruin, the unhappy record of this present war being hurled on unarmed and innocent populations, has given us right from the outset of the conflict to do all we could to prevent the sentiment and laws of humanity from being completely drowned and suffocated by passion in the clash of arms.

Accordingly in our messages to all the faithful we called upon the belligerents in both sides that if they wished to hold high the dignity of their country, and the honor of their arms, to respect the inviolability of peaceful citizens and monuments of faith in civilization.

Rome is rich in wonderful religious and artistic monuments, guardian of the most precious documents and relics.

But besides this, almost at the centre of the city and hence exposed to the dangers of aerial attacks, is our Vatican City. An independent and neutral state which contains immeasurable treasures of religion and art, the sacred heritage not only of the Apostolic See but of the entire Catholic world.

We thought ourselves justified in hoping that in the face of such evident reasons the authority with which, however unworthy, we are endowed, the universal recognition of our completely impartial stand above the conflict and of the right and constant charity activity which we have exercised on behalf of all without distinction of nationality or religious belief—that all those considerations would have secured us the consolation among such bitterness of finding a reception by the contending parties of our intervention in favor of Rome. But alas this so reasonable hope of ours has been disappointed.

And now what we apprehended has come to pass. That which in our fears we foresaw is a very sad reality. For one of the most famous Roman basilicas, that of San Lorenzo outside the walls, consecrated to the veneration of

all Catholics by its ancient associations and by the venerable tomb of our revered predecessor Pius IX, is now in very great part destroyed.

As we contemplate the ruins of that famous temple the words of the prophet Jeremiah returned to our mind: "Quomodo obscuratum est aurum, mutatus est color optimus, dispersi sunt lapides sanctuarii." (How is the gold become dim, the finest color is changed, the stones of the sanctuary are scattered.)

The sad reality of experience once again proves that in spite of precautions that men wish to take it is almost impossible to avoid in this holy soil the destruction of the things of the highest values that adorn human and Christian thinking. For it is our fixed intention and our heart's dictate to safeguard and protect the judgment of posterity, the deposit which we have been commissioned to keep.

Our words which come from a torn heart are not meant as an incentive to vengeance or hate but as an insistent reminder, and will hope effectively so, to a sense of high-minded appreciation of Rome's sacred destiny no less than of Christian community and charity.

SPEEDY HELP

We have striven to bring quick succor by all the means at our disposal to our people of the Roman diocese, so severely tried, whose piteous lot we have been able to behold with our own eyes in the midst of the ruins.

To them we say, show now as never before the intensity of the proof of that hope for which the Apostle of the Gentiles once wrote to your forefathers.

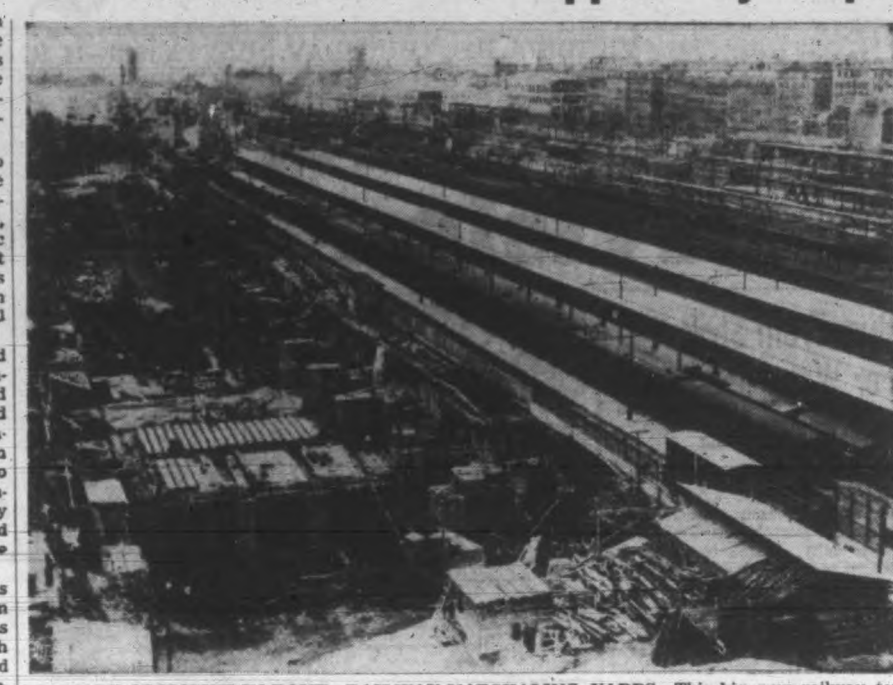
May Christian resignation make sorrow and privation acceptable to you, may disaster be-

Regina Leader-Post. He had also served for a short period in the Parliamentary Press Gallery at Ottawa.

Born Sept. 18, 1909, at Owen Sound, Ont., Maj. Malone was educated at X.Y. Preparatory School, Bristol, England, the University of Toronto Schools, and Ridley College, at St. Catharines, Ont. He was cadet major at the latter school.

His father is Lt. Col. G. M. Malone, M.C., E.D., former officer commanding the 2nd Battalion, 48th Highlanders, Toronto. His wife lives at 12 Fleming Crescent Leaside, Toronto.

In civilian life Maj. Malone was circulation manager of the



MILITARY OBJECTIVE IN ROME—RAILWAY MARSHALING YARDS—This big new railway terminal in Rome, one of the main targets of Allied bombers who subjected Italy's capital city to its first aerial bombardment of the war.



VATICAN CITY—SPARED BY ALLIED BOMBERS—This air view shows the city of Rome, with the ancient, walled Vatican City outlined and some of its famous buildings and historic monuments indicated by numbers. They are: (1) The Pope's Palace, which includes the famed Sistine and Pauline Chapels, with their priceless treasures of paintings and sculpture. (2) The Vatican museum of paintings. (3) Vatican Gardens, where popes walked during many years when they were confined to the Vatican State. (4) The Observatory, well known in the astronomical world. (5) Vatican radio station. (6) Governor's Palace. (7) St. Peter's, with its circular plaza adjoining it. (8) Railroad, with Vatican station just inside the wall separating the Vatican City from Rome proper.

fore you serve to purify your soul, to expiate your sins and to return or to draw closer to our Lord.

To all our sons whose eyes are turned to Rome and to the Vicar of Christ who as his bishop is its own loving father, to all our sons wherever they be, and in a special way to all those throughout the world whose experience of personal suffering and suffering in others makes them more sympathetic toward every form of misery, we address with fatherly insistence our invitation to hasten to our Lord that he may hasten the hour of lightness when men will lay down their arms, their souls will be calm and the lights and joys of a true peace will come back to brighten this convulsed world.

With this hope in our hearts we impart to you, Lord Cardinal, to our beloved clergy, and to the people of Rome the apostolic benediction.

Given at St. Peter's, Rome, on 20th day of July in the year 1943, the fifth of our pontificate.

717 Dead in Rome, 1,599 Injured In Monday's Raid

LONDON (AP)—The Italian communiqué today claimed a British twin-engine plane which attempted machine-gunning action over a Rome airdrome this morning was shot down by a German plane. The Rome radio also said that casualties from Monday's American raid on Rome were 717 killed and 1,599 injured.

The communiqué said Allied aircraft had bombed Naples, Croseto, 30 miles north of Rome, and Salerno, south of Naples on the Italian mainland, and Cagliari in Sardinia.

"Near Salerno," the war bulletin claimed, "enemy planes machine-gunned a train transporting prisoners of war."

In Sicily, the communiqué said, the Allied forces attempted attacks with infantry and tanks in the central and eastern sectors, but Axis troops were said to have inflicted considerable losses.

An Allied steamship was claimed to have been blown up by torpedo plane attack off the southeastern coast of Sicily and a tanker sunk



PILOTED FIRST PLANE—Col. Sam Gormley, of Alhambra, Calif., piloted the first Allied plane to drop its bombs on the military targets in Rome.

By PETER STURSBURG
CBC War Correspondent
WITH THE CANADIANS IN SICILY — If you'd seen 1,000 Italian prisoners cheering and holding up their fingers with the "V" sign for Canadian Army film cameramen, you'd have agreed amazing was the word for it.

One might as well omit adjectives in trying to describe the headlong advance of the Canadians.

I guess even our general does not know how many prisoners have been taken by the Canadians so far, but the number must be more than 10,000.

V-SIGN WITH SMILES

I saw an army film cameraman, Lieut. Al Fraser of Montreal driving along columns of prisoners. When he suggested the "V" sign they gave it enthusiastically.

It is peculiar how familiar the "V" sign is to these Italians—it seems to speak highly for the influence of British propaganda. At first the natives gave us fascist salutes, but now nearly all raised their fingers in the "V" sign instead.

One striking sidelight in the rapid progress is that a town was captured by gunners of a regiment of Canadian artillery who were without guns.

The battery was lost and entered the town by mistake. Al-

Would Increase Power for Radio; Step Up Newscasts

OTTAWA (CP)—The House of Commons radio committee, in a report tabled today in the Commons, recommended that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation should safeguard channels allotted to Canada under the Havana agreement and, if necessary, consider increasing the power of all Canadian stations to the limit of the agreement.

The report, presented by the committee chairman, Dr. J. J. McCann, Lib. Renfrew, Ont., recalled that last year recommendation was made for increased power for the corporation's stations to take advantage of rights under the Havana agreement. This year evidence had been presented indicating there might be a danger of losing the full use of channels assigned to Canada.

The report also urged that control over private stations by the CBC be exercised "with fairness." The committee said it had no doubt that new regulations respecting control of private stations would be administered in that spirit.

(These regulations, announced July 3, prohibit, except under special circumstances, the granting of a commercial radio licence to a person already holding a licence for another station.)

The committee said evidence it had heard placed news broadcasts first in importance among CBC programs.

"The financial arrangement whereby use is made of the Canadian Press and the British United Press as news-gathering agencies is one of which your committee approves."

"While anything of a scandalous nature should be avoided in news broadcasting, we do believe that news broadcasts and commentaries could be more colorful and realistic. Particularly it should be brought to the listening public the great part that Canadian forces and the Canadian people in general are playing in the war."

"Let us always be conscious of our national identity."

Speaking of radio in general, the committee said it was "the newest instrument of modern warfare," serving not only as an instrument of entertainment and education, but as "the most vital morale builder at a nation's command."

Given Commission

VANCOUVER (CP)—Percy L. Lyford, Vancouver forest engineer and timber broker, today won a judgment in the B.C. Supreme Court against the B.C. Timber Company of Canada Ltd., Victoria, for 5 per cent commission on the sale in 1941 of 40 timber licenses known as the Bonanza Lake tract.

Chief Justice Wendell Farris found that through Lyford's efforts the property in the Nimpkish Lake district of Vancouver Island was sold to Pacific Mills Ltd., entitling him to \$20,000 commission on the down payment of \$400,000. Further ruling stated that Lyford should receive 5 per cent on the future payments that should bring the total purchase price to between \$800,000 and \$1,000,000.

PORT ARTHUR, Ont. (CP)—Guenther Krebs, escaped German prisoner from the Petawa internment camp, was recaptured today by Constable L. McArthur of Canadian National Railways police at Hornepayne, according to word received here.

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The young Regina flier joined the R.C.A.F. in 1939 and fought at El Alamein and in the battle of Tunisia. He destroyed an Italian transport near Cape Bon.

Gunless Canadians Capture Town

Peter Stursburg, with the Canadians in Sicily as CBC war correspondent, began his newspaper career as reporter and cameraman for the Victoria Times in 1934. He had experience as a feature writer on Fleet Street in London before returning to B.C. He joined the CBC news bureau two years ago.



though without their heavy guns the Canadians deployed with rifles and tommy guns. One Canadian was killed and the enemy hoisted the white flag.

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Natives Welcome Regina Forced Down in Sicily

The following dispatch was written by FO. Bob Francis, former staff writer for the Canadian Press who now is a public relations officer with the R.C.A.F.

By FO. BOB FRANCIS

A SICILIAN AIRFIELD (Delayed, CP)—PO. Gordon Wilson of Regina ran into an unexpected reaction when lack of gasoline forced him to land his airplane during a patrol flight over Augusta and Syracuse on Sicily's east coast.

Wilson came down in a stubble field several miles inland and said later: "Fifteen or 20 people crowded around me when I climbed out of the plane, patted my back and showed me they were friendly. Some who spoke a little English said they had been in New York."

One of them added: "The King of England is a good man. The King of Italy is a good man. Mussolini..." Here he drew his fingers across his throat.

One man guided him to a village where he got hold of the military police. The natives brought him wine, bread, eggs, milk and cheese.

"The local bigwig wanted me to sleep at his house," Wilson said. "But I stayed where I was and we guarded the plane turn about."

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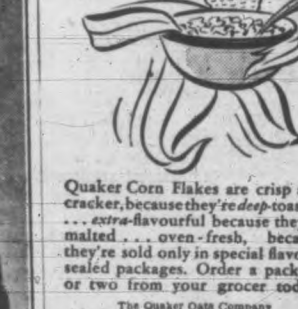
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Today's WAR NEWS Analysis

By DE WITT MACKENZIE
Associated Press War Analyst

It certainly gives one a grateful feeling of security to hear Vice Admiral Frederick Horne, vice-chief of United States naval operations, say the navy is planning for a Pacific war "that will last at least until 1949," but it's equally good to note that he believes the conflict necessarily will run that long.

Six more years might not mean much to a tortoise, but it's a long time to the average citizen who is looking forward to the day when he can take his car out of storage and drive into the countryside for a steak smothered with onions.

When James F. Byrne, director of war mobilization, was asked about the admiral's statement he replied: "If anyone else is planning on that basis, I do not know that they are." T. V. Soong, China's astute foreign minister who is now in Washington, remarked that it's "anybody's guess" how long the fight with Japan will last—and that seems to be a fair assay of the situation.

ALL MUST WORK

Whatever the duration of the war, it will be plenty long and painful. Its length and bloodshed and privations will depend mainly on civilian efforts in producing sinews of victory.

Unfortunately, the amount of striking power the Allies could turn against Japan has been largely dependent on the demands of the European conflict. However, things are looking decidedly

M.P.'s Urge Lifting
Of Ban Against
Jehovah Witnesses

OTTAWA (CP)—The House of Commons debated Wednesday a ban on the sect known as Jehovah's Witnesses, with opposition members urging the restriction be lifted.

Justice Minister St. Laurent said he had been informed the Witnesses were urging young men to claim exemption from military service on the ground they should not fight as it was contrary to Bible teachings.

"A declaration, at this time, and by the public as a recognition of their legality by this Parliament in my opinion would be detrimental to the morale of this country," said the minister.

The debate took place on a justice department war appropriation item of \$35,000 to cover administration of the Defence of Canada Regulations, under which the ban on the Witnesses is imposed. The item was approved.

MENTIONS ATTACKS

During the debate, Victor Quelch, N.D., Acadia, Alta., said there was a suspicion among some that the action against the Witnesses was being taken because some of their attacks were aimed at the Roman Catholic Church.

"Shame!" said a member. "You can say 'Shame!' if you

brighter in the Pacific as industrial efforts begin to pyramid."

As witness to progress we have Wednesday's great Allied raid on Balroko Harbor, New Georgia, when 150 bombers dumped 133 tons of grief on the Japs. This was a companion piece to last Saturday's huge aerial attack by 792 aircraft on Kahili, Japan's key base in the Solomons, when nine enemy ships, including a cruiser and three destroyers, were sunk.

The field of Allied aggressiveness covers the whole vast Pacific area. Warships again have blasted the Japanese defences on Kiska Island, up in the Aleutians, in preparation for invasion. The time must be near for the amphibious assault which will return Kiska to American hands. That will lessen the Japanese threat to Alaska and yield another important airbase within reach of enemy territory.

KURILE BASE HIT

Almost coincident with the Kiska assault, U.S. bombers made the first raid on Japan's northernmost island base—Paromushiro, on the tip of the Kurile chain. They apparently were operating from Amchitka, in the western Aleutians, demonstrating the fact that Japanese territory can be reached from American bases.

At the same time bombers from Australia blasted Celebes. These two raids, each of which represented a round trip of about 2,000 miles, are among the longest bombing flights on record. That's something for the Japanese to worry about.

like, but that's being suggested all over Canada," said Mr. Quelch.

"There is no particle of evidence to support that statement," said Resources Minister Crerar.

"I made no allegations. I asked a question," said Mr. Quelch.

Mr. Crerar said the inference had been left that the government took action against the Witnesses because they had attacked Roman Catholics. There was no truth whatever in the statement.

Mr. Quelch had done a disservice to Canada by raising such a question.

"I say there is suspicion," said Mr. Quelch.

WOMAN ARRESTED

Mr. St. Laurent, at the evening sitting, discussed the case of Mrs. H. M. Mullins of St. Georges de Beauce, Que., who had been arrested for having literature which did not bear the printer's name, as required by the regulations.

She was arrested July 8, released without bail July 19 and her case had been adjourned until July 26, when it was understood the Quebec authorities would not proceed.

Mr. St. Laurent dealt with a charge that while members of the Witnesses sect were holding a communion service in Montreal recently, R.C.M.P. officers raised the meeting and demanded that those present show national registration cards.

He said he had been informed nothing had been done by the police at the meeting which would not have been done at any other meeting in an attempt to see if those present had their registration cards.

NOT SUITABLE TIME

Rev. T. C. Douglas, C.C.F., Weyburn, Sask., asked if the minister thought a religious meeting at which people were joining in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was a suitable time and place to take such action.

Mr. St. Laurent said he did not think so, but the meeting was not being held in a building recognized as a place of assembly for religious meetings. He would think it improper for the police to go into recognized churches during a service and attempt to make such a check.

Mr. Douglas said the police could have waited until the service was finished.

Angus MacInnis, C.C.F., Vancouver East, said there was "continued prosecution and persecution" of the Witnesses.

He said the continued ban against the Witnesses was a "standing disgrace against the justice department, the government and the people of Canada." All religious sects should have equal rights.

QUOTED BIBLE

Mr. St. Laurent then referred to mention made last week by John Diefenbaker, Prog. Con., Lake Centre, Sask., to the arrest and continued incarceration of Mrs. Mullins.

Mr. Diefenbaker said all that had been done was to distribute printed excerpts from the Bible without the paraphrases showing the name of the printer. If the

Rome Bombing Story
Told Immediately

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United Nations beat the propaganda-minded Axis to the punch by telling the world about the Rome bombing eight minutes after the first explosives fell on the capital of Fascist Italy.

Details of how this was accomplished came out today, emphasizing how Allied generals have added the propaganda weapon to the plane, tank and shell, in this war conflict.

Recognizing the high importance of getting out first with the Allied story of the raid, minute arrangements were made which went off without a hitch.

Just as the first bomb left its rack, the plane flashed a signal to Algiers. That was at 5:13 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) Monday.

Algiers relayed the information by shortwave to Washington. There the news was broken to reporters who had been routed out of bed.

At 5:21 exactly, when the bomb's debris had scarcely settled, programs on American transmitters to France, north Africa and central Europe were interrupted in New York for the bulletin. Simultaneously the United Nations station in Algiers was going full blast to Italy in the Italian language. Shortly afterwards, 16 transmitters in this country were beamed on Italy.

literature was subversive there would be some justification.

Mr. St. Laurent said the administration of the law was entirely in the hands of the provinces.

Mr. MacInnis said that at the recent meeting in Montreal while the Witnesses were holding communion service, R.C.M.P. officers raided the meeting, and demanded that those present show registration cards.

Three women did not have their cards and were taken to the police station.

He pictured the result if such a raid had been made at recent Roman Catholic outdoor ceremonies here when prayers and service for victory brought many thousands of people together in a stadium.

"How the welkin would ring with protest!" he exclaimed.

Mr. St. Laurent said that only that (Wednesday) morning Commissioner S. T. Wood of the R.C.M.P. had received a message from Mr. Justice J. F. L. Embury, chairman of the Saskatchewan Mobilization Board, stating the Witnesses were urging young men not to take part in the war.

Mr. Douglas said the minister has as yet given no good reason why the Witnesses should be declared illegal in Canada when they were not interfered with in Britain, the United States or Australia.

Clarence Gillis, C.C.F., Cape Breton Sound, N.S., said he had read that the wife of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Allied commander-in-chief in north Africa, was a member of the Witnesses' sect, and thus would be under the ban imposed in Canada.

EYES TORONTO TELEGRAM

Mrs. Dorise Nielsen, Unity, North Battleford, Sask., reminded the minister of section 39a of the regulations which makes it an offence to publish anything likely to prejudice His Majesty's relations with foreign powers.

She then referred to re-publication by the Toronto Evening Telegram of a Readers Digest article by Max Eastman under the general heading that to collaborate successfully with Russia the facts must be faced. Publication of this article would create a problem for Canada's minister to Russia (L. D. Wilgress) to explain to the Soviet government, said Mrs. Nielsen.

She said the Toronto Telegram's editorials frequently violated the Defence of Canada Regulations. The Readers Digest was known to be edited by strong pro-Fascists, she said.

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By MURLIN SPENCER
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS,
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(AP)—United States bombers shattered Japanese positions at Balroko harbor, above Munda, on the north shore of New Georgia Island Wednesday, in the heaviest air attack ever made in the southwest Pacific.

More than 150 bombers, operating under a strong fighter cover, pounded the area in a day-long series of raids.

"One hundred and thirty-three tons of bombs were dropped and the area was extensively strafed," the daily report from Allied headquarters said.

The communique said the raid was made "in support of our ground forces." This might indicate U.S. troops were advancing from Enogai Inlet, two miles northeast, where last week they destroyed the entire Japanese garrison.

Balroko is the supply base for Munda, key Japanese defence point in the central Solomons.

(From Admiral William F. Halsey's South Pacific headquarters came an official statement that U.S. troops had advanced to within a few thousand yards of the airfield and that its capture "now is in reach.")

Over Madang, New Guinea, twin-engine fighters won a

smashing victory against a much greater Japanese force. The battle took place during an intensive, low-altitude attack by Allied bombers.

"Enemy planes in force were engaged by our fighter escort," the communique said. "They were defeated and dispersed, 19 being shot down and destroyed and 11 probably were destroyed. Two Allied planes were lost, but one pilot is safe."

Sharp fighting continued among advanced patrols in the Komiatum district, seven miles inland from Salamaua. Japanese forces launched nine counterattacks against Mount Tambu, which Australian jungle fighters captured several days ago. The enemy was hurled back in every attempt and left at least 282 dead was 330 dwellings.

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THURSDAY, JULY 22, 1943

Compulsory Voting

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SAANICH Council on the passage of its resolution supporting compulsory voting at civic elections! The submission of its view in official form to the annual convention of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities should evoke a discussion dictated by the increasing public lethargy toward the conduct of its own business. There is nothing new or novel in the proposal. The law of the land in Australia requires all eligible persons to vote or submit to a fine of \$2.50 unless good and sufficient reason for abstaining can be produced. It is a policy which seems to have worked well in the southern Dominion.

No doubt the councillors of Saanich expect opposition to such an innovation here. But they need not be dismayed; for unless the communities of Canada are served by forward-looking local governments in the coming days, particularly during the transition period from war to peace, the national reconstruction and rehabilitation program will fall short of the objective toward which the Canadian people are directing their attention. This is no reflection on those who year after year offer themselves for public service—who, by the same token, expose themselves to criticism not infrequently bordering on abuse. But it is neither fair to them nor to the community over whose affairs they preside that no incentive is provided to induce new blood to share the responsibility of civic office. Compulsory voting, at least, would automatically arouse a practical interest among that very considerable element of the population which in the past has contented itself with the comfortable philosophy of "leave it to George."

There is a much deeper meaning in the exercise of the franchise—voluntarily or compulsorily—than its relationship to those chosen for office from year to year. Saanich and the other three municipalities which comprise the Greater Victoria area have sent men to the war to fight in defence of man's right to say how and by whom he shall be governed. Millions already have died for this basic cause. How were those sacrifices regarded, for example, in that British Columbia municipality where only 7 per cent of the voters exercised their franchise in a recent school board by-election? In other words, it is only when there is danger of losing the vote that the howl goes up to high heaven, only then is it appropriately realized how precious is the heritage which our forefathers shed their blood to obtain and preserve.

If the Saanich councillors have done nothing more for the moment than draw attention to our priceless possession, they may rest assured that the intent of their resolution will be regarded by all who are concerned with good local government as a timely subject for intelligent debate, and not a proposal to be received and filed. The suggestion for compulsory voting is not a political abstraction; it would seem to be a necessary procedure to bring us to a fuller understanding of one of the reasons why this war is being fought.

In Its Element

EVIDENTLY THE SHORT-LIVED controversy about the news of Canadians in Sicily was sufficient excuse for the Vancouver Daily Province to throw a few pointed barbs at Mr. Mackenzie King. It sees the Canadian Prime Minister revealed in a "small and puerile" and "rather ludicrous role" in view of Mr. Churchill's statement to the House of Commons that a "very agreeable exchange of telegrams" has proved that "no one is to blame" for the "misunderstanding" which "can now be regarded as closed."

But we venture to suggest that few will agree with our contemporary's interpretation of the incident to which it devotes three-parts of a column of editorial comment—while the record shows that the Canadian Parliament conducted in the Prime Minister's action in the matter. This is the first engagement of its kind in which troops from this country have been employed; and, in the light of events which have transpired, there seems no very convincing reason why mention of their part could not have been made in the initial communique.

However, says the Province, "the British government and the British military authorities are engaged in fighting a war—not in conducting a publicity campaign—and in fighting a war military considerations come first." No doubt the Prime Minister and the other members of the Canadian Parliament will be suitably impressed by that ponderous—if kindergarten—exposition of the delicate implications of modern war. Surely the mainland newspaper could have found some better excuse for giving the colonial mind an airing without limiting itself with a desire to advise, as early as possible, Canadian parents that their menfolk at last had got into the big fray. Why not blame Mr. King for the weather, Pearl Harbor, or the way Hitler drapes his hair over his sinister brow?

If he speaks of Notsam and Jeism, he is literate. If he knows what they mean, he is educated.

Should Impress Turkey

THREE MEDIUM-SIZED FREIGHTERS from a north American Atlantic port, each loaded for the most part with military and civilian supplies under lease-lend arrangements, have arrived at the southern Turkish seaboard town of Izmir—the first ships to reach that country directly through the Mediterranean since the north African invasion by Anglo-American troops last November. This delayed but none the less important announcement reports that all three of them sailed together through the Sicilian channel on the last day of the bombardment of Pantelleria—close enough to give the crews a good view of the bursts on the little island, now in Allied hands.

The through passage of the Mediterranean by those ships from north America may have little or no bearing on Turkey's diplomatic relations with the Axis; the delivery of goods they carried may be merely in conformity with simple contractual obligations. But in this alone is another demonstration that the Allied governments are able to live up to promises solemnly made. Most of the agreements into which Berlin has entered with Ankara since the beginning of the war have proved Germany's inability or unwillingness to abide by their provisions. It always appeared to us as fantastic, of course, to suppose that the Reich would exchange military supplies even for such a sorely-needed commodity as Turkish chrome—assuming that Turkey has really been in the mood to extend this accommodation after satisfying large Anglo-American orders.

As we have already pointed out in these columns, the Allied governments are hoping to persuade Turkey to permit them to ship through Turkish territory, food, medical supplies, and non-military lease-lend goods to the Soviet Union. Such a concession would render valuable assistance to the anti-Axis cause without straining to any great extent Ankara's meticulously preserved neutral status toward the war. The three ships which have arrived at Izmir, however, confirm the security of the Mediterranean route; and implemented promises are something the Turks understand. They are intensely interested, too, in the freedom of the middle sea.

Change The Ruling

VICTORIA'S CHAMBER OF COMMERCE has quite properly endorsed the City Council's resolution asking the Board of Transport Commissioners to reconsider its ruling that no T.C.A. planes may carry passengers between this city and Vancouver. Under the present arrangement the big machines often fly with only one or two passengers—sometimes none—across the gulf. There have been cases lately, incidentally, when air force personnel unable to obtain accommodation on the night boat could have saved valuable time, to say nothing of expense, if only passage on the T.C.A. had been available.

Passengers wishing to take the night plane to Vancouver, however, can buy a ticket to Lethbridge or any point farther east and get an immediate refund for that part of the ticket not used. This does not transgress the ruling of the Board of Transport Commissioners. It merely serves to emphasize a fantastic situation which it is hoped the pleas of the Victoria City Council and the Chamber of Commerce will succeed in correcting without delay—not only in the public interest generally but in order that T.C.A. economy of operation may be served.

Striking Progress Report

MOSCOW HAS HAD TIME TO RECAPITULATE the progress of the Battle of the Kursk Salient. It has officially announced that since July 5—when the Germans attacked on a 165-mile front with the biggest array of men and armor in the history of war—the Nazi Wehrmacht has lost: Tanks, 3,393; planes, 2,342; killed, 70,000. While the Russians have not published the toll in men and material exacted of them, and it must have been heavy, the point about the enemy's expenditure is that he will have great difficulty in replenishing any large part of it. In Russia's case, on the other hand, her war plants have not suffered, and her physical reservoir is far, very far, from empty. She has Allies whose resources in men and materials are growing from day to day.

Nothing in the foregoing is to suggest that Germany and her satellites are anywhere near the end of their tether. Some of the greatest battles are still to come. But what must be worrying Adolf Hitler is the fact that as Allied victories multiply, in Europe and in Asia, those 10,000,000 foreigners he has impressed into his war plants and onto his farmhands will require more and more Nazis to see that they do not lose their "enthusiasm." The Fuehrer's instruction of Heinrich Himmler to call for volunteers to "watch" these imported workers suggests the Hitlerian mind is occupied with another form of intuition.

Notes

Even the poor of our time can have slaves or servants, merely by connecting with a power line.

Another nice thing about war bonds. They will keep many people from saying, "Miserable, could you spare a dime?"

Good manners were invented in hard times. When everybody feels independent, scarcely anybody is polite.

Picture captions are often necessary. We can't tell whether German prisoners look defiant or dejected until we read the caption.

Bruce Hutchison

TYCOONERY

THE LEADING business brains which make up the tycoonery of Vancouver recently went on a pilgrimage to Seattle, in the same humor of spiritual exaltation which takes the faithful Mohammedan to Mecca.

In Seattle the tycoons of both nations, Canadian and American, dreamed great dreams of a developing Pacific Coast region. They prepared to integrate the economies of Oregon, Washington, British Columbia and Alaska, to remove the present artificial trade barriers between these regions and to expand them industrially as nature and geography intended. It was a fine program and the pilgrims came home afire with their dream.

The next thing the public heard about integration and the removal of trade barriers was a resolution from the Vancouver Board of Trade, the cathedral of tycoonery. The Vancouver Board of Trade solemnly resolved that on no account must any iron ore ever be exported from British Columbia to the United States but must be kept here at all costs.

It is thus clear that integration is a beautiful phrase no deeper than the skin. Everyone is for integration, for sanity in commerce, for a removal of trade barriers, for a better world, so long as it doesn't touch them. The tycoons of Vancouver are all for integration and roll the phrase out impressively over a banquet board, but they don't want integration if, by any chance, it should mean integration.

That is the trouble with these words. They do have a meaning. That is the trouble with the plans of the Atlantic Charter and the Four Freedoms. They will have certain effects if they are put into practice.

MYTH WORD

INTEGRATION, WHICH is so loudly proclaimed and advocated in the Tycoonvilles of British Columbia and Washington, is, for most people, a myth word. America has lived on myth words for a long time now without ever suspecting it. We have been buried so deep in myths, in fact, that we are hardly able to observe the actual shape of the world about us any more.

Every great movement must have its myths to live by. Men insist on them. Men would much rather live on myths than on facts because the myths are always fashioned to suit their tastes, hopes and prejudices, whereas facts seldom suit anyone. Thus the current economic system of America is called Capitalism, which is pure myth; for no Capitalist of the classical school, no Capitalist of the real days of Capitalism, could possibly recognize the present structure.

We have with this major myth the sub-myth of free competition and initiative untrammelled by the state, and this myth is constantly proclaimed by everyone who does not believe in another myth called Socialism; whereas it is perfectly obvious to anyone who can read even simple words that business in America has never been able to make a living for the people without vast aid from the state by way of various subsidies.

The whole west, for example, was opened up by the state subsidy in the form of free land grants. The modern structure of Canada was built with railways financed by the public treasury. The whole automobile industry on both sides of the line was made possible by gigantic state subsidies in the form of good roads. The whole aviation industry is being built with the aid of public landing fields, weather services and other facilities.

If the same fashion the great theory, myth of an equalitarian Socialism, a classless state, and perfect economic justice in Russia is found on examination to be just as mythical as the pure Capitalism of America.

SINCERE PEOPLE

IT DOES NO harm generally to have these pleasant legends and fables, for they keep people happy. They believe what they want to believe, and believe it most sincerely. No one, for example, is more sincere than the tycoon who demands the removal of trade barriers in one breath and insists that there shall be no export of our iron ore in the next.

It is only in revolutionary times like these that myths become dangerous, for they clog up our thinking. They prevent us taking obvious steps to cure our troubles. They blind us so much to the true condition of our system, its operations, its failures and its needs, that we refuse to do perfectly natural things because they would violate not good sense but only good myths.

We have been refusing in America to do obvious things for the last 15 years because we thought that such things would violate the pure theory of Capitalism, which was only a fiction; and in refusing to do them we almost destroyed what was left of Capitalism entirely. We may yet destroy it by continuing to think in myths; by just such mythological thinking as is now to be observed in Vancouver, where the tycoons still seem to think not in facts but in phrases.

NOT IN HIS VOCABULARY

General Sir Harold Alexander, who commanded the British forces in the African campaign, was the last man out of Dunkirk and led the retreat out of Burma. When after his outnumbered troops had stopped the Japs outside of India, he was asked about the Burma campaign. "I found a retreat," Alexander shrugged, "and took it to oblivion." In Dunkirk he was assigned the job of effecting the British evacuation. During this historic battle, one of his officers reported: "Sir, our position is catastrophic." Alexander replied: "I don't understand long words."

'Happiest Era Dawning for Sicily, Empire's Heart'—Duce's 1937 Vow



Mussolini in action in his balcony speech days, which are now gone forever. So is his balcony empire.

"Sicily is now the geographical centre of Italy's empire. From now on the energy of the state will be directed toward you. You are at the dawn of the happiest era which your island has had in 4,000 years of her history."

On Aug. 20, 1937, Benito Mussolini spoke these words to 100,000 dark-skinned Sicilians at Palermo. But while Il Duce was promising Sicily better living standards, ostensibly because he wanted "to see them glad and happy," as one sympathetic correspondent put it, Italy's military experts had other aims.

They realized, as reports from Rome showed in 1937, that Sicily could make or break Italy and that it must be made impregnable to attack. Mussolini, himself, pointed out, following Sicilian military manoeuvres in that year, that although a landing of foreign troops in Sicily was not "probable," it should not be considered impossible.

Along Sicily's southern coast are a number of beaches and small harbors where infantry and tanks could land. Here the land slopes gently up to the mountains and deep water is

fairly close in. But because of its vulnerability, Italy has strengthened its defences in this area, and all the small villages are reported to be fortified. Machineguns are said to have been installed in the upper stories of stucco houses along the seacoast, while, behind them, in the foothills, are artillery installations.

POINTS TO TRAPANI

Some observers believe that Trapani, at the extreme western tip of the island, offers the best chance, not only for a successful initial invasion, but also for a supply port. Operations here would be hampered, however, by Italy's destruction, a short time ago, of the harbor installations in expectation of an invasion.

The island's most important air bases are near Agrigento to the south, and Catania on the east. There also are bases at Trapani, Marsala, Sciacca, Gela, Comiso, Syracuse and Messina. Momi is just 35 miles from Malta, while Marsala, on the west, is 80 miles from Cape Bon on the African coast.

A MARK FOR PARACHUTISTS
The terrain of the coastline

stretching along the south, where these major fields are located, is particularly vulnerable to attack by parachute troops, according to military observers.

On the other hand, the most easily defended section of the island is strategic Messina, just across the strait from Italy's mainland, and the northern coastline. Here towering mountains drop sharply to the sea, making assault difficult.

Military experts believe that a successful invasion will depend not only on the Allies' success in establishing several bridgeheads but also in capturing a port where supplies and supporting troops can be landed.

The largest island in the Mediterranean, Sicily is about the size of Vermont, or 10,000 square miles. Not only are her major airdromes on the coast, but most of the island's railroads and highways also skirt the island and thus are vulnerable to attack.

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From Boissevain (Man.) Recorder

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Now this farmer's son is drawing down \$1.10 a day, with clothes and board, and to replace him the farmer has to pay almost three dollars per day, plus board. This looks to be hardly a square deal.

SASKATCHEWAN CUTS DEBT

From Manitoba Free Press

Saskatchewan has reduced its debt by \$5,811,000 in the last 18 months, according to a statement by Premier W. J. Patterson. The latest reduction is in connection with a maturing bond issue of \$3,155,000, which has been met with \$2,000,000 in cash and a new serial debenture issue, 1944 to 1949, of \$1,200,000 bearing an average interest rate of 3.83 per cent, in place of the former 5 per cent. This is the lowest rate ever paid on Saskatchewan debentures.

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Why the Voice of Doom?

I. Norman Smith, Ottawa Journal

The British film "Desert Victory" has won praise wherever it has been shown. United States critics said they had seen nothing to match it, and Ottawa people have been equally enthusiastic.

From it our National Film Board might take a tip on how to make a movie.

The Film Board has done some fine pictures, but why does it shovel on the heavily dramatized voice or commentary?

The commentary behind "Desert Victory" is quiet and easy. It does not disturb the audience. It does not try to excite them. It merely explains the picture, and in a way that the picture remains the primary medium and the commentary only secondary.

Our National Film Board, on the other hand, is a disciple of the blast of doom manner. The Barker off the exhibition midway started it with his "Come and see the lady with three legs—she was found jumping from rock to rock on a desert island." Advertisers on the radio adapted it so that a man's living room sometimes sounds as though a train-caller had dropped in. And the Film Board now lets us have it on everything from Victory Loan appeals to Canada Carries On.

These heavy-lung fellows that turn on excitement as you or I turn on a switch—are they to set the style of Canadian speaking? Having news read over the radio or pictures explained in a theatre by a voice like a pronouncement from Hell seems not only silly but nauseating. Besides, it is surely an insult to the intelligence—like a letter, with every line underlined in red ink.

The Film Board's pictures are usually good enough to stand almost without commentary, but with commentary—and with what I might loosely call Shoshakovichian blarney and trumpeting from a frightened orchestra—well, this sentence has got out of hand.

WAR—25 YEARS AGO TODAY
July 22, 1918—Allied troops crossed the Marne at Chassins and Passy and Germans continued to retreat north of Chateau-Thierry; powerful German counterattacks between the Ourcq and Marne repulsed. French successful at Montdidier, on western front.

The Allies must remain united for some time and the two great English-speaking powers must co-operate closely with Russia. There is only one Russia, the Russia of the Soviets. To split hairs about bolshevism is a waste of time.—Jan Masaryk, foreign minister, Czech government in exile.

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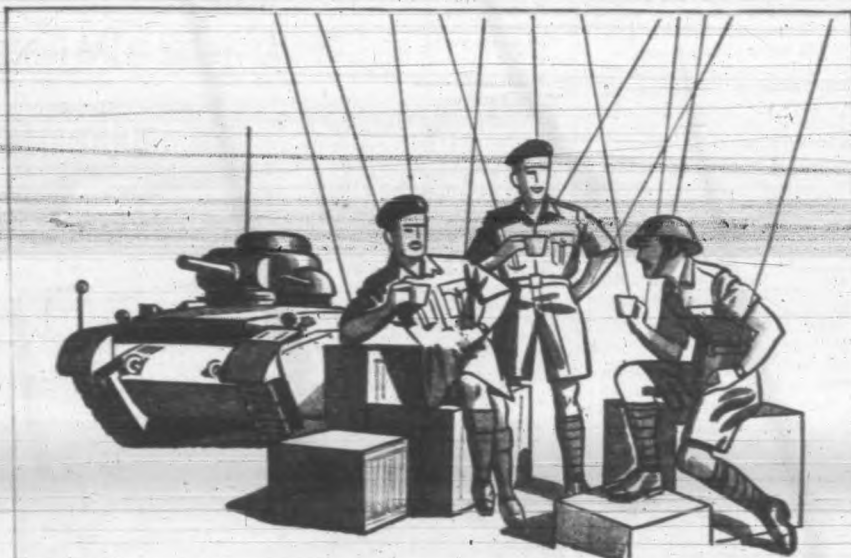
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Selective Service Transfers 63 Men

A total of 224 men in the Victoria area have reported to National Selective Service to date under the three recent compulsory employment orders and of that number 63 have already been placed in essential industry, C. A. Mudge, manager of the local office, stated today.

Forty-five more have been issued with temporary permits allowing them to remain in their present employment for certain specified times. Five of the men are married and earning more money than the jobs waiting for them in essential industry and consequently have not been transferred as yet, Mr. Mudge said.

"According to the order we must offer a man a wage in the essential job similar to that which he is earning on his present job. Permits, however, can be revoked at any time by Selective Service," he said.

A total of 97 "indefinite" permits with no specified time limit on them were issued. Some were issued for physical reasons and 34 of the 97 were given to persons engaged in the retail food industry and other services essential for the welfare of the community.

Returned soldiers of this and the last war do not come under the order and any man opposing transfer from his present job to one in essential industry has the right of appeal before a court of referees, Mr. Mudge explained, adding, "We have had no difficulty at all in the transfer of the men to essential war work up to the present time."

Expired Meat Coupons Should Be Destroyed

To prevent any possible black market in rationed meat the local office of Wartime Prices and Trade Board, today urged ration book holders to destroy any expired meat coupons or have meat dealers destroy the coupons in their presence.

"Though meat coupons have expired for a customer, say June 30, these coupons are still valid to the meat dealer until July 14," a ration official stated.

"The retailer could build up a reserve supply should he take those coupons which have expired in so far as the customer is concerned."

He declared that he had reason to believe that "such traffic might have been carried on," and declared that it was not in the spirit of rationing.

During the summer he felt it was possible that people going away for holidays and visits might not use their entire meat ration.

'Teen-Age Dance At Junior High

Teen-agers of Victoria, with a committee of their own to arrange social functions under the direction of the city's supervised playground group, will move next week to Central Junior High School for their Tuesday evening dance.

The committee was appointed following the regular and increasingly popular party at North Ward Tuesday night. Members of it include Shirley Griffin, Dillys Peterson, Betty Garnett, Bill Petch, Ray Bond and Bramie Bowles, with co-ed leaders Rita Perry, Alma Malcolm and May Johnson assisting in an advisory capacity.

As a result of experience at previous functions, the group plans next week to divide the dancing period into two sections, holding a home waltz for early teen-agers up to 15 at 9, and specializing for older youths and girls after that hour.

L.-Cpl. Keyworth Safe in Hongkong

Word received by his relatives here says that L.-Cpl. C. Mel-bourne Keyworth, R.C.A.S., who was captured by the Japanese at Hongkong was in good health last January in a Japanese prison camp.

His uncle and aunt, Staff-Sgt. and Mrs. E. S. Blair, 2101 Sutherland, say the news reached them through L.-Cpl. Keyworth's sister, Miss Helen Keyworth, R.N., of Vancouver, who received it unofficially from the Department of National Defence.

The Ottawa department said the information purportedly came in a letter from Sgt. Lyle L. Ellis, also of Victoria. Born in Sidney, Keyworth was employed as a steward at the Royal Victoria Golf Club before his enlistment.

The Missouri River common fish known as the carp sucker, picked up by a new process developed by the State Conservation Commission, is reported to be firm and fine-grained and good eating.

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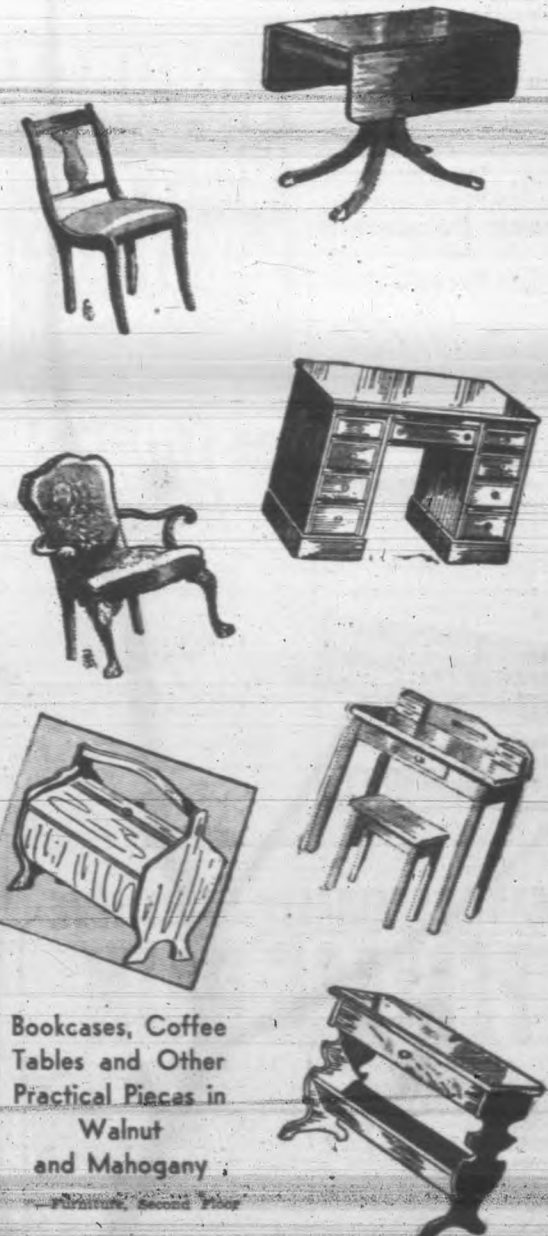
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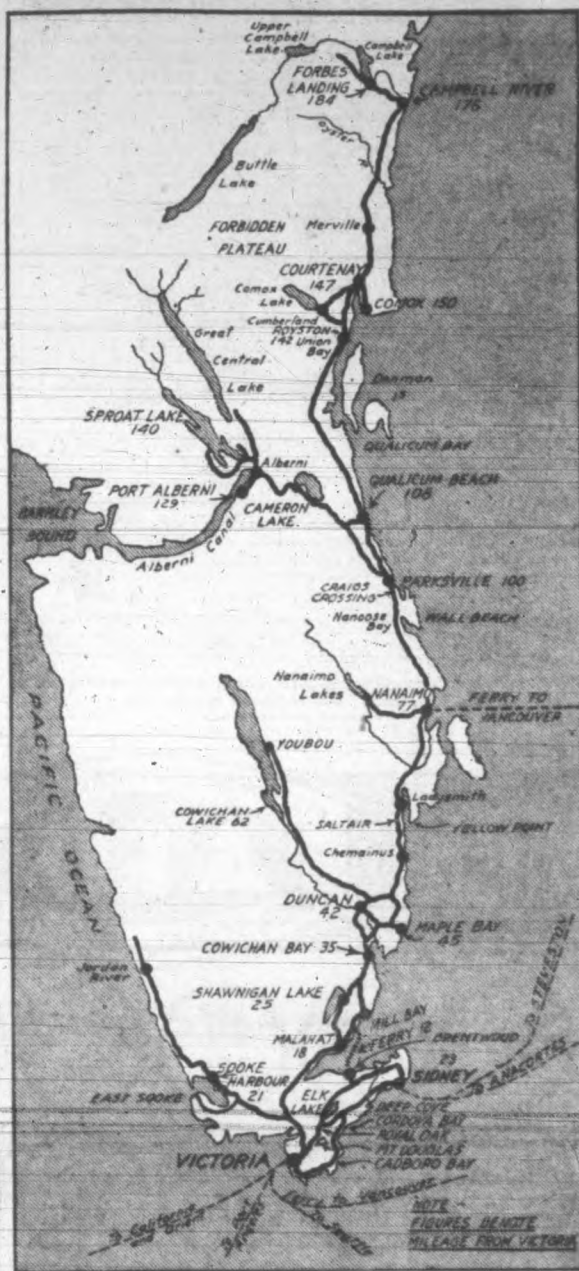
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Registrations have been coming in daily for the Belmont Vacation School which begins Friday morning. Under the direction of an experienced Vancouver leader, Mrs. R. P. Crossland, the school promises to be a great success. Beginners group of four to six-year-olds will be the largest and oldest of all the groups with a large staff of teachers and helpers. Another interesting group will be that of teen-age boys interested in the manual work offered by the school. A school crest will be presented on registration to all members of the school. Registrations will be accepted Friday or Monday mornings at the school which is being held in Belmont United Church, corner of Belmont and Pembroke.

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Forester Melrose Warns

Forest Reforms Must Come, Protection Must Increase

It is obvious B.C. forest lands have not been properly managed, otherwise there would not be 20,000,000 acres of it lying idle, Geo. Melrose, assistant chief forester today told the Vancouver Junior Board of Trade.

Despite some changes for the better recently, Mr. Melrose said "we still allow thousands of acres of good timber and second growth to burn up each year, and we still have from 25,000 to 30,000 acres a year added to our logged and non-producing area on the coast—our best growing sites. We have not yet realized that in order to maintain this great producer of wealth, we must be prepared to spend an adequate part of the return. We cannot take dividends until we have provided upkeep and operating costs, unless we dip into capital. That is what we have been doing to the danger point."

The first thing that must be done, Mr. Melrose said, is to provide adequate protection from fire, "for fire has been the prime cause of denudation and subsequent failure to re-establish a growing stand—this will mean the spending of sums of money considerably greater than we have to date. I venture to say our protection organization is not more than one-fifth what it should be for full coverage and efficiency."

After adequate protection there must be proper management of forest lands, Mr. Melrose said. "There must be recognition among operators and the public that forest lands must be left in condition to reforest themselves naturally," Mr. Melrose said. "This is not yet the case. It will take time and money to accomplish the reforms necessary and carry out further studies and planning, but if we don't get at it, and that quickly, we shall one day wake up to the fact that our greatest industry is in a really bad way."

Naturally, Mr. Melrose said, little can be done until after the war and staff is available, but the lands department has plans fully laid.

"You must also see to it that the forest crops are fully utilized," Mr. Melrose said. "Unless this is done to derive the greatest amount of value or wealth from them, we shall be wasting what we have; we shall be living on a lower standard than we are able to maintain."

"The statement quoted Donald Gordon, chairman of the board, as saying:

"The whole field of pulp and paper production by Canada now is under active consideration by the board."

"While the board regrets the necessity of increasing publishers' costs at the present time, it feels that its first concern must be to provide production sufficient to assure that essential supplies will be available."

"Every effort is being made to press forward the present examination of the whole industry as quickly as possible."

The current newspaper price is \$4 a ton, and the price after Sept. 1 will be \$5.80.

In a joint statement last Feb. 28, the Office of Price Administration at Washington and the Prices Board announced an increase of \$4 a ton for newsprint.

It was stated by Mr. Gordon the February boost was too small to cover increased costs so as to allow the Canadian newsprint industry to continue production at present levels. It was stated, too, that negotiations between the two price control authorities were continuing.

Esquimalt Agrees On Wartime Houses

Final agreement for the dealing of 101 lots in Esquimalt to Wartime Housing Ltd. for construction of war workers' homes was reached at a special meeting of the Esquimalt Council, Wednesday evening.

Months of discussion on the matter ended in a move from the government last Friday to expropriate the lots rather than agree to a number of conditions requested by council. Council agreed to waive certain of the conditions, but stood firm in opposing a request by Wartime Housing that the municipality install water and sewage facilities.

At Wednesday night's meeting, Reeve Alex Lockley informed councillors that Wartime Housing had agreed to install the services, cost of which was estimated roughly at \$8,300.

G. H. Sedger, municipal solicitor, approved the new agreement Mr. Lockley told council and also stated that Wartime Housing had promised to erect better houses than those built previously in Esquimalt. Plans for the 100 houses call for a large living room, two bedrooms, with kitchen and bathroom on one plumbing unit, woodshed and utility room for each home.

Councillor J. P. A. Christensen moved notice of a by-law to be introduced at the next regular council meeting authorizing the drawing of a final agreement between Esquimalt and the government building firm.

George Wilkinson Labor Secretary

George Wilkinson, delegate of the Retail Clerks, was elected secretary of the Victoria and District Trades and Labor Council at its meeting Wednesday evening.

He succeeds Ernest Belton who retired from the post to take a position with the National Film Board. Mr. Wilkinson is also secretary of the Vancouver Island Joint Labor Conference and executive adviser to several locals here.

Work of the film board, to which Mr. Belton has gone, was outlined at the meeting with an explanation of the effort to keep labor pictorially informed of trade union matters throughout the Dominion.

Sources of labor discontent were sketched by the International Association of Machinists in a brief which is being presented to the National War Labor Board committee on industrial relations.

Local nominees to act on the Western War Labor were endorsed by the builders and trades council of Vancouver, according to information presented at the meeting. With the endorsement was a protest to Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labor, against the scant representation of labor on the Western Labor Board and the National War Labor Board.

The local council was asked to forward a similar protest.

NO LABOR SHORTAGE HERE

C. Chivers told delegates emphasis had been laid at a recent meeting of the advisory board on unemployment insurance on the fact there was no shortage of labor in Victoria and that apparent shortages were due to mismanagement. Wider powers were urged for local boards.

Complaint was made over the system of bringing carpenters to the coast on a six months' guarantee on the grounds sufficient men are available in Victoria to handle all emergencies.

The council renewed its objection to excessive taxation on overtime pay, claiming existing levies were largely responsible for absenteeism.

Maintaining its stand for parallel parking on Douglas, the labor group deplored the City Council's action in delaying action on the question.

CHECK SOLDIER CASE

Following a report to the effect a soldier had been discharged from the army with arthritis which, the medical board said, had occurred during service, but

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SOAP FLAKES, PRINCESS; quick, gentle suds for fine washing; packet. 22c

IVORY SOAP; a pure, floating Soap; Guest size 2 for 9c Medium size 3 for 20c

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not necessarily because of service, and had been given no medical aid or pension, the council moved to take the question up with responsible authorities. A protest over the manner in which both local and national authorities had handled the case will be forwarded to Hon. Ian MacKenzie, Minister of Pensions and Health, to Prime Minister King and to R. W. Mayhew, M.P.

A letter from Hon. J. L. Ralston, Minister of National Defence, acknowledged and promised consideration of the council's protest against suspension of dependents' allowance when a serviceman was sentenced to more than six months in jail.

Efforts were renewed to secure holidays with pay for workers in H.M.C. Dockyard to bring them into line with shipyard workers. Dorothy McConnell and Harry Yetman were seated as delegates for the Retail Clerks and Brotherhood of Carpenters, respectively.

A letter from Queen Alexandra Solarium was read, asking institute members or friends to donate "if possible fruit for jam making." Any person having such is asked to phone Belmont 207. A donation was voted to the British Milk Fund.

Cotton khaki shorts are now being issued for the first time in history to American soldiers in hot countries; they have five pockets.

Symphony Society Reports Good Year

The Victoria Symphony Society in reporting on the second year of its activities, expressed general satisfaction at the artistic and financial success achieved in the presentation by Victoria Symphony Orchestra of two concerts under the direction of Melvin Knudsen and with the sustained support of an increasingly enthusiastic public.

Miss Sara Spencer, president; Miss Mary Campbell, secretary; W. W. Martin and S. J. D. Clark,

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Eggs—At least 3 or 4 eggs weekly. Spices, pepper, herbs, etc., add to the food.

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Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY

SOFTBALL officials are in for a big evening of chin-wagging when they sit down to consider the R.C.A.F. protest on Tuesday night's game between the Flyers and Army. The actual protest will be solely a matter of ground rules and just how the base umpire defined them. In baseball an overthrow at first or third usually means one base, unless the ball remains in fair territory. But the softballers may have their own ground rules to suit the occasion.

However, there will be a lot of discussion on the action of the Flyers in pulling their team off the field. The airmen definitely refused to resume play when ordered by the umpire-in-chief, according to a statement we received from the official today. If such was the case he was left with no alternative than to forfeit the game to the Army. The umpires must keep control of the game and if a team refuses to return to the field, as ordered, the umpires cannot hold up play indefinitely.

Anyways the protest-meeting promises to be an interesting session, especially if team representatives are allowed to sit in. We can just imagine Sgt. Lou Labovitch of the R.C.A.F. holding forth in support of his club's protest. Then again, it is quite possible the umpires' report on the whole affair will include some of the "choice" words that were hurled his way during the

night's proceedings. Language was "hot" enough to burn the hide off the toughest skinned ump.

If the local ball league is successful in arranging a series between the Victoria All-Stars and the Tacoma Shipyard club, local fans are going to see some mighty smooth diamond material in action. The club is managed by Alan Strange, one of the sweetest shortstops in the history of the Coast League while with Seattle and good enough to earn a berth with a major league outfit. Strange could have been playing in the big time this season, but elected to remain at his job in the shipyards. Pitching staff of the Tacoma squad includes Libke and Scribner, both former members of the hurling corps of the Rainiers. On the catching staff of the Washington club is Watson, former University of Washington star, who also caught on with the Rainiers. Every member of the shipyard team has played pro or semi-pro ball, and it will be one of the "hottest" teams ever imported for a series here.

Some idea of the troubles facing the Coast League ball clubs is seen by the fact that the Tacoma team drew 136 paying customers for a recent league game. For three engagements the Solons attracted the amazing total of 549. That's hardly enough gate receipts to pay the bat boy's salary much less run a Class AA pro ball club.

Island Bowlers Among Leaders In Mainland Tourney

VANCOUVER CP) — Play in the Wee McKay doubles competition was the feature of the 21st annual tournament of the B.C. Lawn Bowling Association Wednesday and found teams from Calgary and Vancouver, Island tied for the leadership of various sections.

B. Ireland and D. Ireland, Seattle brother team, and B. Longmuir and W. Laycock of Calgary, were deadlocked for first place in section eight, with three wins and a loss, and J. Bull and D. McCann of Calgary were tied with N. Radkins and J. Kennedy of Vancouver in section 11 with three wins and a loss.

T. McCormack and J. Robertson of Nanaimo were tied with J. J. McRae and R. Armstrong, Vancouver, for top place in section four with three wins and a loss in four games played.

H. Waterfield and W. Mossey of Cumberland were tied with J. Williams and R. S. Fletcher, Powell River, for top place in section 13, with four wins each. W. Matthews and S. Thompson of Calgary were deadlocked with W. Mossman and G. White of Vancouver and W. Carrie and G. Fairbairn of Seattle in a three-way deadlock at three wins and a loss.

Two more games in the Wee McKay competition were to be played today after which the 16 sectional leaders will play off for the trophy on a knockout basis.

R. H. Williams of Calgary, who had won 11 straight games without a loss, lost three games Wednesday in the Wee McKay competition and was then beaten in the fourth round game of the Seaton A singles by W. Moncrief of Cumberland, 18-12.

Orville White In Comeback to Win Medal at Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — Under doctor's orders to play only 18 holes of golf a day, 35-year-old Orville White of Winston-Salem, N.C., fashioned a 37-33-70 Wednesday to win the \$150 medal prize for the 1943 U.S. Open.

White had to drop from the golf picture for seven months in 1939 because of a heart ailment. He followed the gold rush to Tam O'Shanter "because there was only 18 holes of play a day—and that's all the doc will let me go."

White snatched medal honors from his North Carolina buddy, 25-year-old Johnny Palmer of Badin, who had managed a 36-35-71, compared with the Tam's par of 36-46, with five one-putts.

Johnny Rogers, veteran pro at the 33-hole back-side—lowest nine-hole scores thus far in the tournament. But Rogers took 38 on the front round to end up with 71 and split \$100 with Palmer. It took a score of 83 or better to qualify in the pro division. SPAR Elizabeth Hicks of Long Beach, Calif., became medalist in the women's qualifying round with a 41-37-79, three over women's par. She was followed by Patty Berg of Minneapolis with 38-42-80, and Mrs. Opal S. Hill of Kansas City, Mo., and Georgia Tainter of Fargo, N.D., with a pair of 81s.

SEATTLE FIGHT

SEATTLE (AP) — Jimmy Hogan of Seattle, formerly of San Diego, was signed Wednesday to fight Jimmy McDaniel of Los Angeles in the 10-round headline bout of a boxing card here next month.

Power Dive



United States diving champion Sammy Lee executes intricate somersault during aquatic fete at Sand and Pool Club, Beverly Hills, Calif.

K.V.'s Victors, Tie for Loop Lead

In one of the tightest games of the season, K.V.'s defeated Gordon Head O.T.C., 4 to 3, Wednesday night to gain a tie with the troops for first place in the C section men's softball race. Each club has lost two games since the start of the season.

Slender Tommy Johnson pitched and batted the K.V.'s to victory. In addition to holding the O.T.C. in check, Johnson smacked out a pair of safeties and scored their first run in the sixth inning. K.V.'s added three more runs in the eighth and cut short an O.T.C. rally in the ninth to win by a lone count.

Tonight's senior A men's game at Athletic Park will see the Navy tangle with the Army, starting at 6:15. In the second game Douglas Tire will battle another Army club.

R.A.F. Win Cricket

By a margin of 61 runs, R.A.F. defeated Spencers in their cricket match Wednesday. Flyers put on 103 to Spencers 42.

High bat for the R.A.F. was Hall with 26, with Sullivan and Webb each contributing 18. Fletcher with 15, not out, topped Spencers at batting, being the only player to gain double figures.

Sullivan was the best of the R.A.F. bowlers with four wickets for 10 runs, while Baker of Spencers secured five for 32.

COAST LEAGUE

Oakland 1 6 0
Portland 0 2 1
Batteries—Pippen and Raimondi; Orrell and Adams.
Hollywood 2 4 2
Seattle 5 9 4
Batteries—Blanton, McLaughlin (7), Smith (8) and Hill; Fischer and Suene.

First game—
Sacramento 1 8 2
Los Angeles 18 21 0
Batteries—MacFaden, Pilleite (3), Malone (5) and Peterson; Gehman and Holm, Sarni (6).

Second game—
Sacramento 0 3 3
Los Angeles 7 9 1
Batteries—Fitzke and Malone; Raffensberger and Fernandes.
San Diego 2 9 1
San Francisco 6 12 1
Batteries—Schanz and Detore; Harrell and Ogrodowski.

Home On Leave



CPL. TOMMY PEDEN, physical training instructor with the R.C.A.F. at Edmonton, who is in the city spending a few days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Peden, 820 Princess Avenue. The former six-day bike racing star may compete in a race at Montreal in the fall if arrangements can be made for him to make the trip east.

Uplands Golf Final Scheduled Sunday

Thirty-six hole final for the men's championship of the Uplands Golf Club will be played between Gordon Verley and Lieut. Roy Stranik. The morning round will start at 9:30 and the afternoon at 1:30.

At the conclusion of the final the prizes will be presented. During the day a putting competition, under the supervision of the women's section, will be run off. This is open to visitors and members and the proceeds will go to the Aid for China Fund.

Lacrosse Games

Owl Drug, undefeated this season in juvenile play, will battle Yarrows in tonight's box lacrosse game at Stevenson Park, starting at 7.

Two games will be played to-morrow evening, with the Bays and Oaklands scheduled at 6 and R.C.A.F. seniors and Jokers an hour later.

Tiny tarpon are rarely found, but some caught in Florida have been only a little over two inches long.

Division Sports Carded Saturday At Macdonald Park

Soldier athletes will have their day at Macdonald Park Saturday when the 6th Canadian Division track and field meet is staged, starting at 1:30. Smart program has been arranged and keen competition is certain to mark every event.

Prior to the sports track and field days were held by all units on the island. Winners of unit sports then entered in brigade competitions to choose winners to compete in the divisional meet.

Maj.-Gen. A. E. Potts, C.B.E., E.D., G.O.C., 6th Canadian Division, will attend.

Brigadier R. A. Fraser, V.D., C.R.A.; Brigadier H. W. Murdoch, E.D., Commanding 18th Canadian Infantry Brigade, and Lt.-Col. L. T. Lowther, O.B.E., E.D., Acting Fortress Commander, Esquimalt Fortress, as well as other high ranking army officers, will also be present.

The afternoon will commence with a "march past" of all competitors led by the Brockville Rifles of Canada Military Band. Maj.-Gen. Potts will take the salute in front of the grandstand.

Features will include a one mile walk in battle order; one, three and six-mile runs. The grand finale will be the tug-of-war between the 1st Battalion Edmonton Fusiliers, representing the 18th Canadian Infantry Brigade, and S1 C.C. and A.A.A.S., representing Esquimalt Fortress, followed by prize giving by Maj.-Gen. Potts.

Friends of the men in khaki are invited to attend. There will be no admission charge.

Leo Durocher Still Figured On Way Out

By SID FEDER
NEW YORK—The betting is 7 to 5 along 49th Street that Lippy Durocher will be out as Brooklyn Dodger manager when the season's over. It's a toss up over whether the Lip's job goes to Chuck Dressen or Billy Herman, with Chuck getting better all the time. Which is one of those "chicken one day, feathers the next" gags, since Chuck was fired by Branch Rickey only last winter and rehired a month ago.

Incidentally, the inside of the famous Brooklyn blow-off is that it started more than a week before Bobo Newsum and the Lip tied off on each other. They tied up the first scramble came when Leo bawled out coach Johnny Corriden, best-liked man on the club. Durocher claimed a signal from the bench in a game when the Dodgers had the bags loaded—and didn't score.

He was giving Johnny one of those "dignified" Durocher hoggish howls when one of the players walked over and said, "Look, Leo, I was at second base and I saw you flash three signals from the bench to Johnny inside of one minute; how could any coach keep up with you?" Well, if he had a telegraph key and knew the Morse code he might.

Jockey Teddy Atkinson of Toronto is the hottest thing around the race tracks this year. But four years ago he had to go to Cuba to make a buck, because nobody would give him a mount around these parts. He's ridden all kinds of stake horses, but his favorite gee-gee still is a cheap player tagged Red Hay. Because when he went to Cuba, he won three straight on Red Hay. Which put some meat on the table just when he was having a tough rattle finding his coffee and...

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Pittsburgh Hot National Club

Move Within Three Games Of Brooklyn

Pittsburgh Pirates are the hottest thing in the National League at the moment and have won six of their last seven games, including four of five from the St. Louis Cardinals. Wednesday the Buccaneers battered the faltering Phillies 10 to 2, with Bob Klinger pitching five-hit ball and Pete Coscarart and Maurice van Robays leading a 14-hit attack.

This shaved their distance behind the Brooklyn Dodgers to a mere three games and gave them a chance to move up this weekend when Brooklyn goes to Pittsburgh for a four-game series.

The Dodgers divided a doubleheader with Cincinnati. They were smothered 11 to 1 in the opener as Elmer Riddle annexed his 12th victory and they stumbled to a 9 to 7 decision in the nightcap with the help of fielding lapses by the Reds.

The Cardinals lengthened their margin on top of the Dodgers to 4½ games by sweeping a double bill from New York Giants, 3 to 1, and 14 to 6.

MUSIAL HITS WELL

In the second game the champions collected 19 blows and salted the game away with nine runs in the fifth inning. Stan Musial topped the barrage with five hits and four runs batted in.

In the other National League game Hiram Bithorn, the Puerto Rican righthander, bagged his 11th triumph and seventh in eight decisions as Chicago Cubs beat the Boston Braves 4 to 1.

St. Louis Browns gained a 1 to 0 verdict over the American League champions at Yankee Stadium in the 10th inning when Vernon Stephens opened with a double and scored on a wild throw by Pitcher Charley Wensloff on Mike Chartak's sacrifice.

Lefty Al Smith pitched and batted Cleveland Indians to a 7 to 0 shutout over Philadelphia Athletics, allowing only two hits and getting a triple, double and single himself.

Chicago and Boston divided a doubleheader, Tex Hughson taking the first for the Red Sox, 3 to 2, with the help of Leon Culberson's hitting, and Orval Grove getting credit for the White Sox's 8 to 6 triumph in the nightcap as Luke Appling batted in four runs with three hits.

A three-run rally in the ninth climaxed by George Case's single for the tying and winning runs brought Washington a 6 to 5 edge over Detroit in a nightcap. Rudy York hit his 12th homer for Detroit.

COAST LEAGUE

Fourth-place Seattle consolidated its newly-won first division position Wednesday with a 5 to 2 victory over the Hollywood Stars as Portland, one notch above, slipped slightly in losing a 1 to 0 thriller to Oakland.

San Diego, with whom the Rainiers have been battling for fourth place, lost to the San Francisco Seals, 6 to 2.

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Leaders in Major Baseball Averages

AMERICAN LEAGUE	
Batting—Curtright, Chicago, .322.	
Runs—Vernon, Washington, and Guleridge, St. Louis, 50.	
Runs batted in—Herman, New York, 56.	
Hits—Wallerfield, Detroit, 103.	
Doubles—Keller, Cleveland, 28.	
Triples—Ludell, New York, and York, Detroit, 7.	
Home runs—Stephens, St. Louis, 12.	
Stolen bases—Case, Washington, 24.	
Pitching—Grove, Chicago, 9-0.	

NATIONAL LEAGUE	
Batting—Musial, St. Louis, .342.	
Runs—Vaughan, Brooklyn, 32.	
Runs batted in—Herman, Brooklyn, 48.	
Hits—Musial, St. Louis, 110.	
Doubles—Herman, Brooklyn, 26.	
Triples—Musial, St. Louis, 12.	
Home runs—Ott, New York, 14.	
Stolen bases—Vaughan, Brooklyn, 12.	
Pitching—Severl, Pittsburgh, 14-2.	

Philadelphia	
2	5
Pittsburgh	
10	14
Batteries—Conger, Dietz (7) and Livingston; Klinger and Lopez.	
Boston	
1	9
Chicago	
4	8
Batteries—Andrews and W. Klutz; Bithorn and McCullough.	

First game—	
Chicago	2 11
Boston	3 9
Batteries—Dietrich and Tresh; Hughton and Brown (9) and Corbett; Partee (9).	
Second game—	
Chicago	8 9
Boston	6 7
Batteries—Grove, Maltzberger (7) and Tresh; Judd, Ryba (5) and Partee.	
Cleveland	7 11
Philadelphia	0 2
Batteries—Smith and Rosar; Flores and Swift.	
Detroit	5 7
Washington	6 7
Batteries—Newhouse, Gorsica (9) and Richards; Candini, Haefner (4) and Early.	

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Crowd Top V.M.D.

Only half a game separated the Navy from the league-leading Victoria Machinery Depot in the senior ball league, following the 9 to 2 victory of the bluejackets over the Eagles Wednesday night.

V.M.D. return to action Friday night against the third place Army and must win to remain in undisputed possession of the lead. Should the shipyarders win they will be a game in front and, like the Navy, will have four games remaining until the close of the schedule.

For six innings Wednesday night it was a good ball game, Eagles moved into a 1 to 0 margin in the first inning and made it 2 to 0 in the top half of the third with pitcher Red McDonald batting in both counts. Navy got one run back in the last of the third and finally moved into the lead with a pair of counters in the fifth. Bluejackets added another two in the seventh and sewed up the game with four more in the eighth when the Eagles started to boot the ball around.

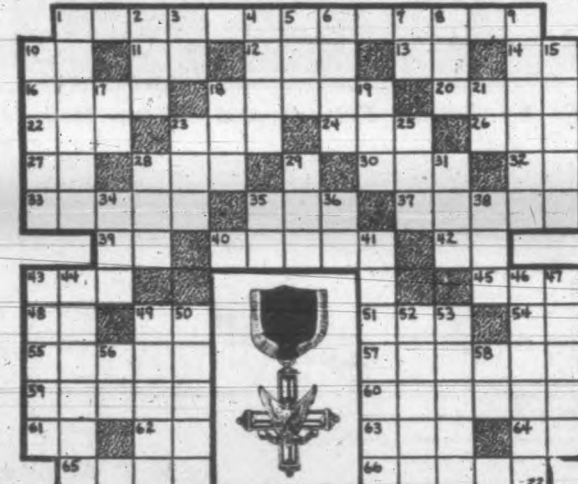
Harley Berringer handled the pitching for the Navy, giving up five hits, while he struck out nine. Berringer had his usual control trouble, giving up seven walks. McDonald lasted seven innings for the Eagles, during which time he was charged with eight hits, five runs and struck out three. Maurice Diamond, who replaced him, gave up three hits and four runs.

Walker, Navy right fielder, had the best night at the plate with three for four.

Bob Weiland, peppy first baseman of the Navy, left the game in the fourth inning when his remarks failed to meet with the approval of umpire Steve Findlay. McDowell and Cuddie, a pair of newcomers to the Navy lineup, handled the first basing job, the last-named going into the lineup in the last of the eighth as a pinch-hitter.

Short score: R. H. E.
Eagles 2 5 4
Navy 9 10 0
Batteries—McDonald, Diamond and Harper; Berringer and Effner.

Today's Crossword Puzzle



- HORIZONTAL**
- Depicted medal, the U. S. Army Service Cross.
 - From.
 - That thing.
 - Charged atom.
 - Symbol for cerium.
 - Comparative suffix.
 - Greek letter (pl.).
 - Ocular.
 - Plexus.
 - Lemuel (abbr.).
 - Bitter vetch.
 - Label.
 - Short sleep.
 - Electrical term.
 - Poom.
 - Males.
 - Iranian army (abbr.).
 - Shop.
 - Apron part.
 - Presidential secretary.
 - Symbol for sodium.
 - Other courtyard.
 - Exist.
- VERTICAL**
- Seasoning.
 - Blanket.
 - Parcel post (abbr.).
 - Parrot.
 - Chaos.
 - This can be bestowed upon civilians serving with the army.
 - Ambassador.
 - Ocean.
 - Irregular.
 - Street (abbr.).
 - Babylonian deity.
 - Forenoon (abbr.).
 - Native metal.
 - Eccentric wheel.
 - Half em.
 - Dutch city.
 - Driving command.
 - English money.
 - Of account.
 - Strike.
 - Grab.
 - Single thing.
 - Soul (Egypt).
 - Two (prefix).
 - Soak flax.
 - An cluster at.
 - Tachment for the ribbon is awarded for a second citation.
 - Your bonds buy these.
 - Puts forth effort.
 - Tense.
 - Glove leather.
 - Saddle pad.
 - Ford of cloth.
 - Weld.
 - Assembly.
 - The gods.
 - Paid notice.
- (Answer to previous puzzle)
- VICTOR HERBERT
AREA EER EMIR
ELL ARR TUB
TO LEADS IS AR
ELF NO EUTE
ADMITS VICTOR
UNSWAN MCKINCY
SEM FA DAY
ET PL TOT TB Y
NIA ALE TOO
ADAM LEA OVNS
NOTED COMPOSER

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Freckles and His Friends

By Merrill Blosser

IF YOU HADN'T TAKEN US ROWING IN A LEAKY BOAT, THE WOULD'NT HAVE HAPPENED!

AND IF YOU HADN'T DROPPED THE BAILING CAN OVERBOARD, THE BOAT WOULDN'T HAVE FILLED WITH WATER!

AND IF YOU WEREN'T MY SISTER, I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN INVITED TO GO ROWING IN THE FIRST PLACE!

AND IF YOUR MOTHER AND FATHER HADN'T HAD TWO KIDS, I WOULDN'T BE HERE EITHER! THIS WHOLE THING IS THEIR FAULT!

Sgt.-Maj. Loses Voice

By TOM MERRIMAN

HEAL'S CAMP—One of the greatest ambitions of a private soldier has been realized at the Reserve Army Camp here. The regimental sergeant-major has lost his voice.

It happened three days ago. RSM. Charlie McIntosh of the Canadian Scots stood in front of his men. He mouthed a command but the ringing incisive tone was not there. It was a little more than a whisper. He tried again but as the day went on even the whisper faded so he spent a day in hospital to rest the vocal cords.

In the well organized camp, however, the absence of one man does not halt training. Each day the different branches of the army represented are learning to work together and to realize how each depends on the other.

Ordnance, transport and medical men are functioning with the machine gunners of the Canadian Scots as they would under battle conditions, all taking their place in the daily manoeuvres. The efficiency of the field ambulance in the few minor accidents dealt with has won commendation.

Visitors' day Sunday and sport days Wednesdays provide relaxation, but it is a 12 to 14-hour schedule for many of the officers, N.C.O.'s and men in camp. Lectures are the order most evenings.

COOKS ARE POPULAR

Prime favorites since the camp overcame the first day when mess orderlies were green in distributing the food are the two cooks, members of the permanent force.

They are Sgt. Dan MacSweeney, a smiling Irishman built like Jack Dempsey, and Cpl. George Jackson, a veteran of the last war with the Little Black Devils.

Both are instructors as well as cooks who have been thoroughly trained in preparing the balanced diets upon which the army instructives in this war.

"Irish," as MacSweeney is known to everybody in camp, takes a pride in his job and might well do so.

It is not "cooking like mother" the men in uniform get. It's better than mothers could do, especially in these days of rationing.

HEY, WHAT IS THIS?
In the first place there is ample sugar in the tea and there is lots of tea. There are boiled eggs and bacon for breakfast. Jam and marmalade is served liberally. There is grapefruit, tomato juice, omelettes, deep raisin pie, oranges, rice pudding, salads with salad dressing, creamed potatoes, ham, beefsteaks and onions, biscuits—not hardback—and the portions are invariably larger than the average man can eat in spite of the appetite worked up by training.

There are second helpings for the heavy eaters and it is a safe bet that in spite of the perspiration that has streamed from the troops in training here will be more than a few bulging waistlines, especially among those doing the lighter job. Probably a few added pounds, too, for those on strenuous training.

They'll blame it on the cooking of "Irish" and his assistant. "There is no comparison," says

George, "between the grub being served in this war and the grub we got in the last war. I don't think anybody feeds better than the troops. They are getting top grade stuff and balanced diets. You can cook better in quantities than you can in small portions and the army system is mapped out so the flavor of food is retained."

Bear, Unhurt, Swims To Avoid Hunters

Saanich police and J. W. Jones, game warden, announced today they did not believe that Black Bertha had been wounded when they shot at the marauder several days ago. Police saw Bertha Wednesday and she seemed unhurt.

The wily bear, police believe, acted as though she had been shot to make her escape after a posse of six police officers and hunters surrounded the animal.

Police said the large she-bear fell to the ground and did not move until they came close. Then before they could fire a shot, she got up and bounded off into the woods.

Wednesday Bertha was seen in a cherry orchard near Elk Lake, and Jones and his hunters stalked the bear for several hours. Bertha, however, made an escape by swimming across the lake.

The hunting dogs followed the bear but police had to call them back.

Bertha was seen to head towards the north end of Elk Lake. She has not been sighted to day. Police believe she may be finding civilized life too trying and has returned to the hills.

More Women Named To Gov't. Positions

More and more women, as the men go off to war or take jobs in essential war industries, are becoming government officials in British Columbia.

This week the government, by order-in-council, has appointed Miss Edna E. Mortimore of Vancouver and Miss Marion Chidlow of Chilliwack, administrator there for the ration board, commissioners for taking affidavits.

There is now hardly a small town in British Columbia that has not a woman in an official government position. Two new notaries public were also appointed this week—Jas. Henry MacKenzie of North Pine and Jas. Paul of Dawson Creek.

A coroner's jury found Tuesday the death of William Mykyteuk, 22, of Edmonton, on the Big Bend Highway July 13, was accidental. B.C. Police headquarters here learned Wednesday. Mykyteuk died in hospital at Revelstoke of injuries suffered when his machine and another motorcycle ridden by William Mike Rodney, 54, of Vancouver, collided.

Bail of \$25 was ordered estrated today when a man, charged with being drunk on Fisgard Wednesday evening, failed to appear in court.



CANADIANS LAUNCHING THEIR DAWN INVASION OF SICILY—Carrying their rifles and equipment, Canadian troops jump from landing craft and wade waist-deep through the sea in their dawn assault against the island of Sicily. A picture of the landing is shown at top. Destroyers laying smoke screen to shield the invaders are pictured below.

Thousands Enjoy Elks' Concert

A crowd estimated at more than 3,000 enjoyed the Save the Children Fund Concert staged by the Elks' Lodge No. 2, Victoria, at Beacon Hill Park Wednesday night and contributed approximately \$170 to the sum which will go through the city to aid the humanitarian objective.

The function was opened by Ald. D. D. McTavish, chairman of the city celebrations committee, who welcomed guests on behalf of Mayor Andrew McGavin. Community singing under Teddy Blair started the affair away to a happy start, with the Victoria Girls' Drill Team under Norman Foster providing one of the features in a display of marching and drill.

Bert White, novelty violinist, who represented the lodgemen at the concert; Reg Stoffer, guitarist and impersonator; Joe Dobbie, comedian; Bert Anderson, saxophone soloist; and Gnr. Charles Hovey, Coast Artillery School of Instruction, rendered excellent solos, while Miss Grace McLeod and Mrs. N. Bertucci and her orchestra provided accompaniments.

Master of ceremonies was Percy Payne, past president of the local lodge. An entertainment for performers at lodge headquarters followed the concert.

Friday night, Ald. W. H. Davies announced, the city will hold its regular cheer-up concert at Beacon Hill, continuing the two-week schedule arranged for the entertainment of servicemen and their friends.

Movie Star Now Rookie in B.C. Camp

Douglas Montgomery, producer and star of many a stage hit and the star of the moving picture version of "Little Man What Now" and other Hollywood productions, is now a lance corporal at the Canadian army basic training centre at Vernon, B.C.

In addition to his instructional duties, the former actor is active in camp entertainment and a contributor of outstanding verse to the camp paper, "Rookie."

With the support of another young actor, Cpl. Gilchrist Stuart, who, like Montgomery, produced and will be one of the cast of "Rookies Play Hooky," identified by Montgomery as "the poor man's army show."

Cpl. Gilchrist, well known to English theatre-goers, was active in Hollywood until he enlisted, appearing in many movies, including "A Yank in the R.A.F."

Canning Coupons Valid

All coupons for canning sugar will become valid Monday, July 26, instead of the coupons falling due on different dates, it was announced from the local office of Wartime Prices and Trade Board today.

Local office was advised of the move by C. H. Bell, regional head at Vancouver. Housewives may, by the new ruling, use any or all their coupons on or after July 26.

Activities of soldiers and air force men were checked by city police Wednesday night and early today following complaints of two women.

Navy Recruiting Centre Opened In City Today

Recruiting campaign for Canada's rapidly expanding navy was intensified today with the official opening of a new recruiting centre for Royal Canadian Navy and Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service at 1238 Government Street.

At 11 this morning, Capt. Massey Gooden, R.C.N., naval officer in charge, Esquimalt, inspected the well-equipped new recruiting office which is located in Dominion government property, formerly the site of the old Adelphi Hotel at the southwest intersection of Government and Yates.

The N.O.I.C. was accompanied by Cmdr. R. P. Kingscott, R.C.N., executive officer, H.M.C.S. Naden, Esquimalt. Also in attendance was Lieut. Hew Paterson, R.C.N.V.R., naval auxiliary services officer.

The opening ceremony was preceded by a parade by the R.C.N. band, 50 strong, led by Lieut. H. G. Cuthbert, R.C.N.V.R. The band, parading from the City Hall, marched south on Douglas to Fort, west to Government, north to Yates, and counter-marched in front of the recruiting centre, watched by thousands along the route.

Navy's new recruiting centre for Vancouver Island in the city replaces the former recruiting office located in the R.C.N. barracks at Esquimalt.

LIEUT. SCOTT IN CHARGE

In charge of the centre is Lieut. D. S. Scott, R.C.N.V.R., of Victoria, his assistant being Sub-Lt. R. G. Humphries, R.C.N.V.R. Sub-Lt. Clyde Gilmour, R.C.N.V.R. relations officer, was over for the ceremony. Sub-Lt. Agnes D. Smith, W.R.C.N.S., of Edmonton, recruiting officer for British Columbia, attended the opening and was introduced to Capt. Gooden, explaining the nature of the recruiting duties.

The permanent women's recruiter here is Sub-Lt. Alice Borland, W.R.C.N.S., of Regina.

After inspecting the centre, Capt. Gooden expressed himself as being well satisfied with the new quarters. He desired to go on record in acknowledging the courtesy of the local branch of the Canadian Red Cross in relinquishing the premises for naval recruiting purposes. All that was needed now was recruits.

R.C.N. ratings took a prominent part in the invasion of Sicily and it is expected that with the establishment of a full-sized second front in Europe there will be an immediate demand for more men for overseas service.

Recently there have been calls for ordinary seamen, stokers, stewards and cooks and more recruits for these branches of the service are required. Establishment of the central city office is expected to greatly stimulate recruiting here.

Attracted by the display this morning a number of young men signified their intention of joining up, apparently eager to be the first.

The first to offer to transfer were three fellows of the R.C.A.F. in uniform.

Naval displays are on view in the front windows of the recruiting centre.

KIT ON DISPLAY
One is a complete free kit which is issued to every man joining up. It includes everything a sailor needs from hammock to respirator and from tooth brush to running shoes, costing \$110 per outfit.

Another window is decorated with colored illustrations of navy ships and prowess, with placards conveniently placed to induce recruiting.

Young fellows required for the navy must be 17½ years of age who have passed Grade 8 in school.

The new recruiting centre in the city will occupy its present location for the duration.

First Employees Begin Training At Boeing Plant

While plant arrangements proceeded, the first group of Victoria men and women who will work in Boeing Aircraft of Canada branch plant, in premises taken over from Thos. Plimley Ltd., started training today.

Under competent instructors a crew of 30, 11 of them men, started their practical studies, learning use of tools and general routine which is the necessary background for their work. They will be followed by others until a personnel of 200 has been broken in to a type of work entirely new to the city.

That 200, in turn, will be the backbone of a staff which may reach 500 as expansion continues and more floor area of the plant is taken over for production.

The courses given women and men will be streamlined. Every effort will be made to get into production without delay to avoid tie-ups in schedules in other plants in the northwest region. Instruction for the first group will take at least two weeks.

Initial work will be on floats and braces, which fold up and become the PBV wing-tip.

Tools and jigs were moving into the plant as the students began training at their benches. Majority of the employees were young women with older men forming a third of the group.

Officials today declined to predict what expansions would take place. They pointed to floor space already earmarked for the float and brace job and said more had been set aside for other operations.

Satisfaction was expressed with the personnel so far engaged locally.

Guards Suggested For Thetis Lake

A strong recommendation that life guards be stationed at Thetis Lake on Sundays, holidays and Wednesday afternoons was included in the verdict of accidental death through drowning at the inquest of OS. Joseph Paul Poupart, R.C.N.V.R., held today at McCall Bros. Funeral Home.

Coroner E. C. Hart, commenting on the verdict, said that two or three of these accidents occur every year in the lakes near Victoria, and in nearly every case the victim has exaggerated his prowess as a swimmer. It should be realized that these lakes are not safe for anyone who is not an experienced swimmer, said the coroner.

The 20-year-old Montreal sailor was drowned about 3.30 Sunday afternoon while swimming in Thetis with two other sailors.

According to evidence given by Capt. George Stuart, Thetis Lake tea rooms, the accident took place in the presence of hundreds of people. There were no swimmers, he said, that no one realized the sailor was in trouble.

Poupart's two companions at the lake testified that they thought the sailor was just joking when they saw him go under the water, and did not become concerned until later, when they reported that Poupart could not be found to Capt. Stuart, who immediately notified the police.

Constable E. J. Hooker, B.C. Police, described the dragging operations which resulted in the finding of the body at noon, Monday. There were no visible marks of violence.

Jurors were: Ivan Harry Temple, foreman; Lloyd George Bent, Edwin Thomas Rowbotham, Kenneth Jennings, Norman Godfrey Harris, Andrew Miller Stewart.

R.C.A.F. Commissions For 4 Victoria Boys
Four Victoria air bombers have been awarded commissions in the R.C.A.F. It is announced by Western Air Command. The four, all serving in Canada are:

Sgt. D. Clark, 1053 Newport Avenue; Sgt. E. W. T. Mellander, 964½ Byng Street; Sgt. A. G. Kinnis, 10 Hollywood Court, and Sgt. I. H. MacLean, 176 Joseph Street.

Britannia Lodge L.O.B.A., No. 216, held its business meeting Tuesday evening, Mrs. C. Leask presiding. A picnic will be held at the Willows Beach, Aug. 11. Members are asked to meet there at 11. The next meeting will be held Sept. 7.

3 Saanich Fires Set
Fire Chief Joseph Law announced today three fires Saanich firemen attended at Douglas and Vernon Wednesday afternoon apparently were set. He said he believed children were responsible.

The three fires were about 200 feet apart. Saanich firemen were called to the blazes at 4.50 Tuesday afternoon. Although the fires ran over an area of grass and bush, no damage was reported.

In the evening firemen returned to the same scene for another fire, although they are not sure whether the fourth blaze was set or was caused by smoldering from the former fires.

For two and a half hours another Saanich fire crew battled a blaze on Queenswood Drive. This bush fire did no damage.

Arrives Overseas
Pte. Lawrence E. Watts, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Watts, Island Highway, Colwood, has arrived overseas. He is with a tank corps. He was born at Langford and went to Colwood School.

Alaska Connection Discussed Here

Prospects of a highway through British Columbia, linking the United States, with Alaska, were discussed in detail by Premier John Hart and representatives of Victoria Chamber of Commerce and Vancouver Board of Trade at the Parliament Buildings today.

From Vancouver came S. S. McKeen, president of the trade; W. E. Payne, secretary, and T. C. Clarke, who looks so much like President Roosevelt that Mrs. Roosevelt commented on the likeness when she met him in Seattle a few days ago. Victoria Chamber of Commerce was represented by J. V. Johnson, president. The conference in the Premier's office lasted nearly two hours.

Today's meeting arranged a conference for next month between the Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trade, Premier Hart and the 15 B.C. members of the House of Commons.

It is expected that Premier Hart will visit the Peace River area and survey northern development and highway routes before this meeting.

The delegation today gave Mr. Hart a full report of the recent meeting in Seattle of the Pacific Northwest Trade Association.

Temporary Firemen Can Pay for Pension

Members of the city fire department with at least one year's service to their credit are eligible for inclusion under the Superannuation Act and may pay into the superannuation fund, according to a letter from the Victoria local of the International Association of Fire Fighters.

The communication is filed for consideration by the City Council and covers seven city men.

The statement is aimed at clarifying the position of replacements for men who have joined the services. By city ruling those on leave of absence can reclaim their jobs at the end of hostilities. However, if men now on temporary staff are continued on, they may pass the age at which they can secure admittance to benefits of superannuation.

With that in view, the fire association has secured its ruling in order to give present temporary but potential regular employees' superannuation benefits.

New B.C. Companies
New companies registered at the Parliament Buildings this week include the following:

Artcraft Furniture and Fixtures Ltd., \$10,000, Vancouver; Otter Bay Fisheries Ltd., \$150,000, Vancouver; Princeton Trail Sawmills Ltd., \$25,000, Vancouver; Vancouver Instruments Ltd., \$100,000, Vancouver.

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Grade 5—First class honors—Evelyn D. Tiers, Marcia A. Western (equal), Honors—Ann Hirst, Moreen Casleton.

Grade 3—First class honors—Patty Jones.

Grade 1—First class honors—Helen Sinclair.

Fred Fouty, 2448 Bethune, told city police Wednesday his motorcycle had been stolen. Steven Soldon, 260 Gorge, reported his gas ration book stolen.

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Announcements

BIRTHS

MACDONALD—To Capt. and Mrs. T. Macdonald, on July 18, at Dunsmuir Hospital, a son, Ian Macdonald, 8 lbs. 10 oz., 20 in. long.

TOMLIN—On July 17, at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Nigel A. Tomlin, 444 Waterloo Road, Victoria, B.C., a son.

MARRIAGES

LORIMER—To Mr. and Mrs. F. Lorimer, 2222 Glenview, West Vancouver, announce the marriage of their youngest daughter, Edith Lorimer, to Mr. J. W. Starch, Toronto, Ontario, which took place in St. Andrew's Wesley Chapel, Vancouver, on Saturday evening, July 17. Rev. Dr. C. W. S. McCall officiated.

O'CONNOR—CRAWFORD—The marriage took place Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, in the First United Church, of Charlotte Crawford, second daughter of Mrs. C. Crawford, 1267 Fairfield Street, and the late Alexander Crawford, and James Leslie, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. O'Connor, 2541 Government Street, Rev. W. G. Wilson, D.D., officiated.

OWEN—SHANNON—Patricia, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Shannon, 2222 Glenview, West Vancouver, and William Owen, R.C.N.R., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Owen, 1442 Lulu Street, were united in marriage July 18, at 4 p.m. at All Saints' Church, Alberni, by the Rev. Stenstrom.

STARCK—FEDER—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Starck, 2222 Glenview, West Vancouver, announce the marriage of their daughter, Robert Starck, to Mr. John Starck, eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Starck, Toronto, Ontario, which took place in Vancouver on Wednesday evening, July 17, at 8 p.m. Rev. J. P. Westman officiated.

WILLIAMS—SUTHERLAND—On Tuesday evening, July 20, a quiet wedding was celebrated at the United Church of Christ, when Miss Sutherland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sutherland, of 2743 1/2 Street, and the late Mr. Sutherland, were united in marriage by the Rev. W. G. Wilson, D.D., at 8 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, Alberni, by the Rev. Stenstrom.

CHRISTIE—At St. Joseph's Hospital on July 21, 1943, Alexander Christie of 2121 1/2 Street, aged 79 years, born in Scotland and a resident of Victoria for 23 years. He was married to Mrs. Christie, who died in 1938. He was survived by two sons, William in Seattle and Keith in Winnipeg, and one daughter, Mrs. Harold Campbell, in Victoria.

Funeral services for Mr. Christie will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday at St. Joseph's Hospital, followed by cremation.

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